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Volkswagen Scales Back Its Czech Commitment

Move at Skoda Affects One of West's Biggest Investments in the East

By Brandon Mitchener International Herald Tribune FRANKFURT — Volkswagen AG, Europe's biggest automaker, on Thursday scaled back its investment in its Czech subsidiary, Skoda, casting a shadow over one of the West's biggest industrial commitments in Eastern Europe.



Heinz Kessler seeking solace Thursday in a cigarette as his wife reacted to his seven-and-a-half-year sentence for the killing of East Germans trying to scale the Berlin Wall.

3 East German Aides Convicted in Wall Killings

By Rick Atkinson Washington Post Service BERLIN — Three senior officials from the former East Germany were convicted of manslaughter on Thursday in connection with the deaths of refugees fleeing to the West after the construction of the Berlin Wall.

The 10-month trial, originally billed as the most significant legal tribunal in Germany since Nazi war criminals were judged at Nuremberg, ended on a note of anti-climax because East Germany's most notorious strongman had already been spared the dock on grounds of poor health.

The verdicts issued Thursday by Judge Hans Boss of the Berlin District Court drew mixed reactions both in the courtroom and across Germany, where the legitimacy of judging former East Germans under West German law has been bitterly debated since the country was reunified in 1990.

Others, however, were pleased by the verdicts. "All the efforts to argue that there could be northern Berlin district of Moabit decried the verdicts as Cold War 'victors' justice."

Syria Accuses Israelis of Using Pact To Split Arabs

Official Rebukes Rabin But Spares Arafat and Praises Clinton Pledge

By William E. Schmidt New York Times Service DAMASCUS — Syria sharply criticized Israel on Thursday in its first official reaction to the peace accord between the Israelis and the Palestinians, arguing that the government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin intended the agreement to divide Arab ranks and maintain its occupation of Arab land, including the Golan Heights.

Three days after the treaty was signed on the White House lawn in Washington, Mohammed Salman, the Syrian minister of information, said Israel had turned to secret negotiations in Norway with the Palestine Liberation Organization specifically because it wanted to circumvent the U.S.-sponsored peace process begun in Madrid, in which Israel had been engaged in bilateral talks with Syria, Jordan and Lebanon — as well as the Palestinians — over exchanging Arab land for peace.

Kiosk Mother Teresa Has Heart Surgery. CALCUTTA (Reuters) — Mother Teresa of Calcutta underwent surgery Thursday to clear a blocked blood vessel in her heart, and doctors treating the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize recipient said she had a close call but was resting comfortably and was in good spirits.

Table with market data: Dow Jones (Down 2.80, 6,630.85), Tib Index (Down 0.39%, 107.67), The Dollar (New York, 1.6038, 1.5967), DM (1.5223, 1.5149), Yen (104.225, 105.95), FF (5.584, 5.5675).

Bosnia Truce Raises Hopes for Accord

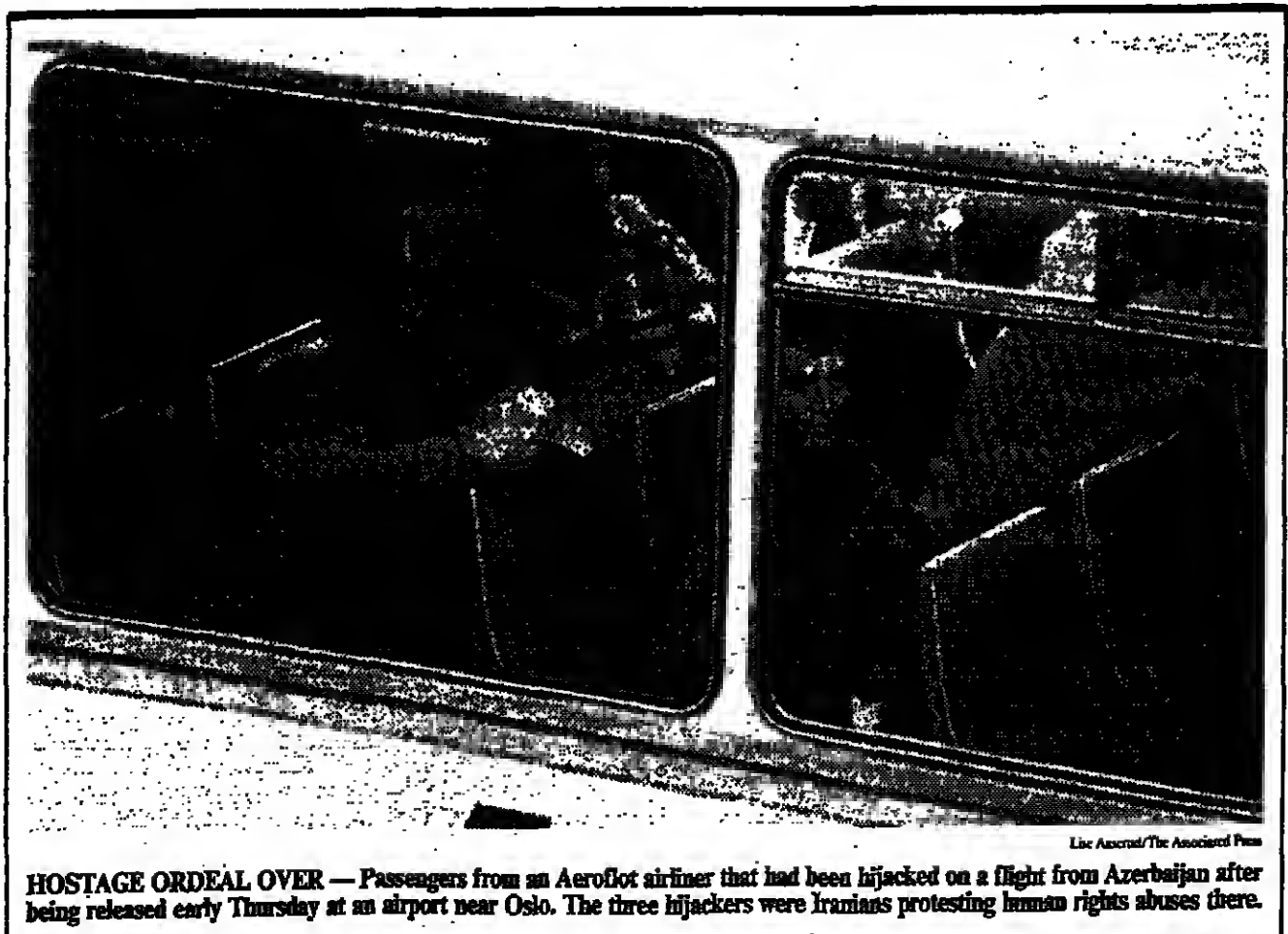
By Alan Riding New York Times Service PARIS — Prompted by agreement on a cease-fire between Bosnian Muslims and Serbs, international mediators on Thursday called leaders of the three combatants in the Bosnian war to a meeting in Sarajevo on Tuesday, apparently in the hope that they will come ready to sign a peace accord.

The new cease-fire agreement between the Muslims and Serbs, concluded early Thursday after secret talks in Geneva, calls for an end to hostilities by Saturday and the closing of all detention camps by Monday. A similar agreement between Bosnia's Muslims and Croats was reached earlier this week in Geneva.

When the talks were suspended, all three sides had already accepted much of the mediators' peace plan, including the partition of Bosnia.

Palermo Priest, Foe of Mafia, Is Shot to Death

By John Tagliabue New York Times Service ROME — Only four months after Pope John Paul II urged Sicilians to rise up against organized crime, a Roman Catholic priest noted as an outspoken opponent of organized crime has been shot and killed in Palermo in what investigators say appears to have been a Mafia killing.



HOSTAGE ORDEAL OVER — Passengers on an Aeroflot airliner that had been hijacked on a flight from Azerbaijan after being released early Thursday at an airport near Oslo. The three hijackers were Iranians protesting human rights abuses there.

Shevardnadze Vows to Save Georgia City From Rebels

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TBILISI, Georgia — The Georgian leader, Eduard Shevardnadze, narrowly escaped injury from shelling Thursday after rushing to Sukhumi, capital of the breakaway region of Abkhazia, and promising to combat attacking rebels with his bare hands.

for a full withdrawal of forces from the region, could not justify the Abkhazian attack. The offensive presented Mr. Shevardnadze with another crisis during a tumultuous week in which he forced the Georgian parliament to grant him emergency powers by threatening to resign.

ANC Conquers That White Supremacist Bastion, the Beauty Pageant

By Bill Keller New York Times Service JOHANNESBURG — In mid-July, two African National Congress organizers sent a secret memo to Cyril Ramaphosa, the organization's secretary-general, telling him of "a major breakthrough for the oppressed masses of our people."

The subject of the document was the Miss South Africa contest. The ANC organizers reported that they had confronted sponsors of the competition with complaints that 9 of the 12 finalists were white. After "intensive negotiations," according to the memo, they extracted promises of a "training fund" to groom future nonwhite beauty pageant contestants.

Triumphant, the organizers directed Mr. Ramaphosa's attention to the next challenge facing the liberation movement: the Miss World contest.

place," but pageantry participants say South Africans do not have a royal family and no Hollywood.

Since then, Miss Mofokeng, who grew up in the black apartheid metropolis of Soweto, has



# Yeltsin Reinstates Economist Who Devised Reforms

By Margaret Shapiro  
Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — Yegor T. Gaidar, the architect of Russia's free-market economic program whom President Boris N. Yeltsin dismissed last winter to appease conservatives, will rejoin the government in an effort to get the program back on track.

Mr. Yeltsin announced Mr. Gaidar's imminent return to the government during a visit Thursday to an Interior Ministry base. He said Mr. Gaidar, who served as prime minister until December, would replace a first deputy prime minister, Oleg I. Lobov, who has led a conservative block in the cabinet seeking to slow economic changes and reassert state control.

Mr. Yeltsin's move seems designed to bolster the beleaguered reformist wing of his cabinet and end the battles among the ministers that have left Russia in a political and economic limbo.

The move also appears directed at least in part at the West, where Mr. Gaidar is well known and where worries have grown about recent backsliding in Russia.

Inflation has surged recently, reaching more than 25 percent last month, and there are indications that the Central Bank's credit policy, held in check over the summer, is again easing.

Mr. Gaidar's appointment, which Mr. Yeltsin said would be made official by a presidential decree on Saturday, will certainly fulfill the Russian president's prediction that September will be a stormy and politically decisive month in his ongoing battles with the hard-line parliament.

In December 1992, the parliament forced Mr. Yeltsin to drop Mr. Gaidar and replace him with the current prime minister, Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, an industrialist with less radical inclinations.

"The appointment of Gaidar is a provocation of the final political confrontation with parliament," said Mikhail Leontiev, a columnist for the Russian newspaper *Sovetskaya*.

A commentator on the nightly Russian news said Mr. Yeltsin "at last has begun to take some decisive measures" and predicted that Mr. Gaidar's appointment and the firing of Mr. Lobov was just the first step.

Mr. Gaidar's decision to return to the cabinet was unexpected as Mr. Yeltsin's sudden announcement. Although Mr. Gaidar serves as an adviser to the Russian leader, he has said in the past that he had no interest in rejoining the cabinet at this time.

One Gaidar associate said Thursday night that the economist changed his mind and agreed to rejoin the government after long consultations with Mr. Yeltsin and with Mr. Chernomyrdin during which they agreed to Mr. Gaidar's condition that Mr. Lobov be fired.

The Interfax news service quoted a spokesman for Mr. Gaidar as saying that several associates had urged Mr. Gaidar to take the job because the economic situation in the country has become so bad that drastic steps would soon be necessary.

The spokesman told Interfax that Mr. Gaidar ultimately decided to accept Mr. Yeltsin's request because "Gaidar cannot watch with indifference how his baby — Russia's reforms — is being suffocated by unskilled hands."



**FRENCH FARM PROTEST FIZZLES** — Riot police keeping watch Thursday on demonstrators at Rungis, the wholesale market south of Paris. Farmers briefly blocked roads and rail lines to Paris for a second day but caused little disruption. The government faces bigger protests next week as EC ministers debate French demands for a better deal on trans-Atlantic agricultural trade.

# Lilliputian Leader Seeks Brobdingnagian Change

By Barry James  
International Herald Tribune

VADUZ, Liechtenstein — For a man who rules over one of the world's most lilliputian domains, Prince Hans-Adam II von und zu Liechtenstein has some big ideas.

He has proposed making the 160-square-kilometer principality a member of the United Nations, and now he wants to knock it into shape to compete in the European Community through membership in the associated European Economic Area.

After all, Liechtenstein already has a thriving high-tech industry — it is for example one of the world's largest manufacturers of false teeth and dental products. The prince has said that he wants to get away from the impression that this land is fit only for financial wheeler-dealers, mafiosi, money-launderers and tax evaders. In fact, the principality's fewer than 30,000 citizens are outnumbered by companies that hang a shingle here but do all their business somewhere else.

But the prince is running into stiff resistance. Many consider that things are fine the way they are. For instance, during the 1980s Liechtenstein never had more than a dozen unemployed at any time. Now, even in a recession, only 200 are out of work, peanuts compared with rates in the rest of Europe.

The conflict between the prince's desire for change and some of his wealthiest subjects' preference for the status quo was evident this week when Hans-Adam dismissed the entire

25-member Parliament for having defeated his prime minister, Markus Böhler, in a confidence motion.

Mr. Böhler said he had run afoul of an entrenched political clause when he brought in an outside professional to head the principality's personnel department instead of giving the job to a party crony.

The prince has touched off a constitutional crisis not only by dismissing the Parliament but also by asking Mr. Böhler to remain in office.

The prime minister said he intended to carry on with reforms. One he has in mind would involve bringing to foreign financial institutions and banks to compete with the three clammish-secret national banks, including the prince's own Bank in Liechtenstein.

In what would sound like revolutionary language were it not coming from the princely side, Mr. Böhler said: "The progressive forces in this country are pressing forward, but they are obstructed by the ghosts of the past who rule us sometimes even from beyond the grave. Change will come. Those who adapt will be the winners. Those who do not will be the dinosaurs."

The prince's subjects are so used to being ruled by a absolutist aristocracy in this mountain of states tucked between Switzerland and Austria that monarchist sentiment does not seem to have been much affected, judging from the respectful tone of the two party-controlled newspapers. Neither of the two main parties — one conservative, the other even more so — is challenging the monarchy, although a spokes-

man for the Patriotic Union said it was regrettable that the prince seemed to know a lot less and interfere a lot more than his father, Prince Francis Josef II.

While Switzerland and Liechtenstein has remained in a kind of Austro-Hungarian time warp, the prince can survey much of his domain from a gloomy castle perched above the steep streets of the capital, where cows with bells round their necks graze in the town center and bankers glide by in Swiss limousines to Alpine-style offices.

This is the second time the prince has dissolved Parliament in the last five years. The last time it was over a dispute about who should pay for a proposed art museum to house the royal family's art collection. The dispute was never resolved, which means that the collection remains locked away behind the castle walls.

Asked if a whiff of political instability might frighten away the bankers and business people on whom Liechtenstein relies for its wealth, Mr. Böhler replied:

"Our stability is in His Serene Highness the Prince. He is a man of far-reaching concepts and of high moral and ethical standards. He has been successful as the manager of the principality (or more which he has built into a small empire. It is very exceptional for a monarchy to have such a skilled man as the head of state."

The country must now elect a parliament more amenable to the prince's will. But Mr. Böhler said he expected to remain in office no matter who was elected.

# WORLD BRIEFS

## Japan-U.S. Anti-Missile Effort Urged

TOKYO (APF) — The U.S. ambassador to Japan, Walter F. Mondale, has recommended that Japan and the United States set up a defense system capable of downing North Korean missiles, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said Thursday.

Mr. Mondale, who arrived here Tuesday to take up the ambassadorship, reportedly told the Japanese deputy foreign minister, Kunihiko Saito, that he hoped the two countries would cooperate financially and technically in developing the proposed Theater Missile Defense system, which would involve the deployment of surveillance satellites capable of detecting a ballistic missile attack together with ground batteries that could intercept and destroy the missiles at high altitude. The United States shares Japanese concerns over the development of a North Korean missile, the Rodong-1, capable of reaching Japan and carrying a nuclear payload.

## Ex-Finance Minister Assails Major

LONDON (Combined Dispatches) — Prime Minister John Major's grip on power was shaken Thursday by a critically timed assault on his leadership by his former finance minister, Norman Lamont.

A year to the day since the pound was ejected from the exchange-rate mechanism in a humiliating defeat for Mr. Major's economic policies, Mr. Lamont challenged him to swear that Britain would never accept a single European currency.

The prime minister should state categorically that Britain will not be participating in the third stage of monetary union, Mr. Lamont, who was dismissed as chancellor of the Exchequer in May, wrote in *The Times*. Mr. Major described Mr. Lamont's criticism of his leadership as "sad and disingenuous." (Reuters, AP)

## Italy Strike Settled, but Others Loom

ROME (Reuters) — Labor unrest over job security erupted in two Italian regions on Thursday after an agreement was reached in a chemical-plant strike seen as a test case for Prime Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi.

Demonstrators broke into the state-owned ILVA steel works in the southern part of Taranto, and employees at a coal mine on Sardinia besieged themselves underground. Both enterprises were widely seen as potential flashpoints for trouble as the government moves to streamline state-run industries.

Both the government and unions hailed the agreement reached Thursday to settle a strike by workers who had barricaded themselves into the state-run Enichem chemicals plant in Crotona for 11 days. If the rank and file ratify the deal, most of the 500 workers will be found other jobs while about 200 will work as much as 50 percent less per week. A further 60 or so would be laid off with pay for two years. "It is a model for solving other, similar disputes," Italy's three main union groups said.

## Kasparov and Short Draw 5th Game

LONDON (AP) — The British challenger, Nigel Short, forced a swift, 18-move draw in the fifth game Thursday of his world championship match with the titleholder, Garry Kasparov.

Mr. Kasparov leads, 4 to 1, in the 24-game series, which resumes Saturday.

Mr. Short, playing black in the Nimzo-Indian Defense, was clearly well prepared, using only 11 minutes to complete his moves, while Mr. Kasparov used 1 hour, 40 minutes. The result will shorten Mr. Short, who has consistently fallen behind on time in the previous games.

## Russia to Seal Sunken N-Torpedoes

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Two nuclear-armed torpedoes from a sunken Soviet submarine will be sealed next year to prevent contamination of the Norwegian Sea that could last for up to 700 years, a Russian official said Thursday.

Tengiz Borisov, head of a special government committee, said the weapons were corroding quickly inside the submarine *Komsomolets* and could leak deadly plutonium by late 1994 or early 1995 if left alone.

"If there is a leak, fishing will be impossible in the Norwegian Sea for between 600 and 700 years," he said. The *Komsomolets* sank in the Barents Sea in April 1989 with the loss of 42 lives and now is embedded in mud to international waters at 1,685 meters (5,530 feet). Mr. Borisov said Russia would seal the arms at any cost. The submarine's nuclear reactor, he said, posed no immediate danger.

## 500 Homeless in Costa Rica Storm

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (Reuters) — A tropical storm lashed Costa Rica and Nicaragua on Thursday, leaving one person dead and 500 homeless and forcing thousands from their dwellings, officials said.

The Costa Rican Red Cross said a woman died of a heart attack in a village 150 kilometers south of San José, when a mud slide buried part of her home.

The National Emergency Commission said the storm, designated Gert, had provoked heavy rains and flooding in the preceding 36 hours on the southern Pacific coast. About 500 people saw their homes damaged or destroyed. In Nicaragua, about 4,000 people were evacuated as rivers burst their banks in torrential rains along the Atlantic Coast.

## TRAVEL UPDATE

Major world airlines are returning to Tanzania. A surge in horticultural exports has created new demand for flights to Europe for businessmen and their cargoes. British Airways and KLM have tripled direct flights to Dar es Salaam from one a week only two years ago. (Reuters)

Indonesia braces for possible strikes and protests over a law that fines jaywalkers. Introduction of the law was postponed last year after protests that it was too harsh and could encourage policemen to seek bribes. The law imposes a fine of 5,000 rupiah (\$2.50) for jaywalking, twice the minimum daily wage. It also will cost 60,000 rupiah (\$28.50) for driving without correct documents. (Reuters)

A record number of foreigners visited Britain in 1992 and spent more money than ever before, despite the recession, the British Tourist Authority said Thursday. Some 18.5 million visitors arrived in Britain last year, up from 17.1 million in 1991. They spent 67.9 billion pounds (\$12 billion at current rates), up 650 million on 1991. (Reuters)

# GEORGIA: Attack by Rebels

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Shevardnadze had flown Wednesday to Mingrelia to try to end a rebellion by the supporters of former President Zviad K. Gamsakhurdia.

Akhzian separatists apparently hoped to take advantage of the turmoil by attacking while Mr. Shevardnadze's back was turned.

After the initial attack on Ochamchire on Thursday morning, the rebels began the assault on Sukhumi. Georgian sources said at least 800 rebels, supported by tanks, were involved in fighting on both fronts.

Gamsakhurdia supporters, known as "Zviadists," seized most of Mingrelia last week and threatened to cut off the whole of the west of the country. Speaking in Georgia's second largest city, Kutaisi, Mr. Shevardnadze made it clear that he was ready to begin military operations there.

(Reuters, AP)

## New Azerbaijan Exodus

On a 90-mile stretch of highway in southwestern Azerbaijan, tens of thousands of people were on the move, fleeing as the war with Armenians over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh spilled over deeper into Azerbaijan. The New York Times reported from Imishli, Azerbaijan.

The news wave brings the total number of displaced people in the former Soviet republic to almost 1 million — more than 10 percent of the population.

Beat-up cars piled high with rugs, pots and pans, were clunking down the road on wheels with no rubber on the rims. Trucks overloaded with mattresses and bed frames tried to pass tractors pulling wagons built to carry tons of cotton, but now they filled with children and ducks. Heavy construction vehicles like cranes and road graders carried refrigerators and stoves.

"What did we do to deserve this?" asked a 55-year-old Azerbaijani shepherd named Bakish Kerimov. He said an armored column of two tanks and an armored personnel carrier backed by scores of Armenian soldiers from Nagorno-Karabakh — an Armenian enclave within Azerbaijan — had attacked his village in Gubali Province while a cease-fire was supposed to be in effect.

# TALKS: Bosnia Meeting Is Set

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years after a peace accord goes into effect, referendums will be held in each of the autonomous republics to determine whether they wish to remain part of the "union" of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Although this seems like a step toward the early disintegration of the union, allowing Bosnian Serbs to join Serbia and Bosnian Croats to become part of Croatia, the agreement also states that, if this happens, the Muslim republic will retain the union's UN seat.

■ Croats Burn Villages

Croatian troops burned villages in southern Croatia on Thursday before surrendering them to UN peacekeepers under a cease-fire agreement with rebel Serbs, Reuters reported from Medak, Croatia.

Plumes of smoke rose from burning houses in Citluk and Dusej Selo, which were among settlements captured a week ago by Croatian forces that attacked the Serb-held Krajina enclave of Croatia.

The departing troops also exploded surplus ammunition and wrecked their bunkers. "I guess they are taking care of business before we get in," a UN soldier watching from Serbian lines said.

# Rabin Sets Terms For a Withdrawal From Lebanon

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JERUSALEM — Israel would withdraw its soldiers from southern Lebanon if Lebanese troops proved they could contain Hezbollah guerrillas there, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Thursday.

"Let's start confidence building measures and let's start with Lebanon," he said in an interview broadcast for Rosh Hashanah.

The Lebanese government had no immediate comment. Beirut rejected a similar offer in August, saying that first Israel had to comply with a UN Security Council resolution demanding it withdraw its troops from Lebanon.

Lebanon considers the Shiite Muslim guerrillas to be a legitimate resistance to foreign occupation.

"If they can prove for six months or more that they are capable of preventing terror, then I am willing to come to a peace treaty with Lebanon within three months," Mr. Rabin said.

"No government of Israel has ever demanded a centimeter of the sovereign land of Lebanon," he said. "All we want is security."

# SYRIA: Accusation Against Israel

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In his statement, Mr. Selman accused Israel of working over the months "to drain the essence" from the peace talks launched in Madrid, because it had no interest in any agreement that would oblige it to withdraw from Arab lands and abandon its aim of "expansion and hegemony" over the region.

"The obvious evidence of this is that they turned to secret talks in Oslo to get around the basics of the peace process, which had started to restrict Israel's ability to maneuver and blackmail during the Washington round of negotiation," Mr. Selman said. "From this point of view, the effect of the Gaza-Jericho agreement on advancing or setting back the peace process should be looked at from the Israeli point of view and the Israeli position; that they will try to exploit any new gap in the Arab stand, make more divisions and aim to impose facts in the negotiations, under the cover of the peace process."

■ U.S. Frees Jordan Aid

The United States plans to release \$30 million in security aid to Jordan, the State Department said Thursday, two days after Israel and Jordan signed an agenda for peace. Reuters reported from Washington.

# MAFIA: Palermo Priest Slain, Apparently by the Mob

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It was the first killing of a priest by the Mafia since the death in 1979 of the Reverend Giacinto Castromiro. But the circumstances of that killing illustrate the distance the church has come in a few years. Father Castromiro was familiar with mob leaders, often described as being "in the order of the Mafia," and was shot in an underworld entanglement.

The Roman Catholic Church, which has a strong following among Sicily's 5 million people, has

# Mandela to Ask UN for Repeal of Sanctions

JOHANNESBURG — Nelson Mandela will ask the United Nations to remove sanctions against South Africa, once his strongest weapon in the war on apartheid, when he addresses the General Assembly next week, an aide said Thursday.

"He will call for the repeal of all remaining sanctions, with the exception of those against arms sales," said Stanley Mabileza of the African National Congress international affairs department.

Mr. Mandela and President Frederik W. de Klerk will be selling the new South Africa at high-level meetings in Europe and North America later this month. They will be seeking big investment in the post-apartheid economy.

Mr. Mandela "hopes that by the time he addresses the assembly on Sept. 24, the South African Parliament will have passed into law a bill setting up a transitional executive council," Mr. Mabileza said. "He is waiting for that."

Sanctions against oil imports, which the ANC had previously said should remain in force until a democratically elected government was in power, should go with the rest, Mr. Mabileza said.

# BEAUTY: South Africa Pageants

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bushed the inevitable charges of tokenism by showing formidable aplomb in the face of some nasty invective ("I don't like black people," one caller announced when Miss Mofokeng was a guest on a radio call-in show). She has also shown she has more on her mind than beauty tips, the subject of at least three books by previous holders of the crown.

In her first weeks as Miss South Africa she has declared firm opinions in favor of abortion rights and against the African tradition of paying for brides; she has offered help to a center for abused women, and has led a peace march through the battle-weary black township of Katlehong.

In an interview she even said she supported the right of black democracy campaigners to disrupt the Miss World pageant in December in Miss World, which is in a black homeland run by a dictator hostile to South Africa's first universal elections. South Africa was readmitted to Miss World competition in 1991 after a 13-year banishment for its racial policies.

"It's very legitimate," she said of the threatened protest. "This is one thing that can make people listen."

Political opinions have usually been a handicap for beauty contestants, and especially for South Africans, whose every patriotic platitude was bound to be taken as a defense of apartheid.

Anneke Kriel, Miss South Africa in 1974, was so rigorously coached to avoid politics that she ducked even the most innocuous questions about her native land. She went on to win the Miss World title, married two millionaires in succession and is currently entertaining newspaper readers with a battle to restrict her second husband's right to visit their children.

"She was South Africa's substitute for Princess Di," said Doreen Levin, a reporter who covered 18 Miss South Africa contests before retiring to write a book on beauty pageants.

Mrs. Levin said that until 1976 South Africa sent two contestants to international competition, a white and a noowhite Miss South Africa, the latter included to appease the outside world.

Since then, the competition has been integrated, but black finalists remain the exception.

Last year, Amy Kleinhaus, a mixed-race woman, became the first noowhite to be crowned Miss South Africa.

The crowning of Miss Mofokeng has silenced the fairness debate for now. Rocky Malebana-Metzing, one of the ANC organizers assigned to the Miss South Africa issue, declined to specify what promises sponsors have made to promote noowhite contestants in the future, except to say: "They committed themselves to providing resources, facilities and exposure."

"Of course, some people feel the competition is totally unnecessary, demoralizing, and all sorts of things," Mr. Malebana-Metzing added. "My position is, if it draws that amount of publicity, resources and spectators, then it must be fair and representative."

# TRIAL: 3 Ex-Aides Convicted in Berlin Wall Killings

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no individual guilt because of East Germany's laws and its collective leadership, have been rejected," said the civil rights activist Wolfgang Templon on German radio.

And Karin Gueffroy, mother of the last victim killed at the Berlin Wall, said the sentences provided "a little satisfaction."

All six of the defendants, including those eventually excused, were members of the East German National Defense Council, the Communist state's highest military body. Among other charges, the prosecution contended that minutes from a meeting of the council in May 1974 proved the men had agreed that "the ruthless use of firearms must continue" in response to attempts at "illegally" crossing the border.

Nearly 600 people are believed to have died trying to flee East Germany between the construction of the Berlin Wall in August 1961 and the fall of the wall in late 1989.

Prosecutors originally picked 13 of those cases — later narrowed to seven — and argued that Mr. Honecker and his associates had conspired to commit manslaughter. In separate trials of the border guards charged with carrying out the shoot-to-kill orders, two have gone to prison, nine have received suspended sentences, and 13 have been acquitted.

Defense attorneys in the Berlin trial countered that the wall had been built on orders from Moscow.

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# STATESIDE / CLINTON'S ANTI-NAFTA FRIENDS

## Trade Pact 'Hits the Hot Button' for Organized Labor

By Peter T. Kilborn  
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — After years of falling membership and political influence, organized labor has emerged as a force behind the drive to stop President Bill Clinton's proposed trade agreement with Mexico and Canada.

One reason for the unions' new clout is a serendipitous convergence of their agenda with the agendas of many other interest groups — in particular, advocates for the environment. Another is a friend in the White House who, despite the differences over trade, has been granting labor easier access and more of its wishes than any president since Lyndon B. Johnson.

Labor vehemently opposes the North American Free Trade Agreement, known as NAFTA, which Lane Kirkland, president of the AFL-CIO, has called "a poison pill left over from the previous administration."

For weeks, the conventional wisdom

has had it that the agreement would lose if the House of Representatives were to vote on it now. The Senate appears to support the agreement, but at present most Democrats in the House, with an eye on next year's congressional elections, appear opposed. One prominent labor leader, William H. Bywater, president of the electrical workers union, is promising to fight the re-election of congressmen who support the agreement.

"NAFTA hits the hot button," said Gerald W. McEntee, president of the 1.3-million-member American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. "Health care is important. Reducing the deficit is important. But No. 1 is still jobs. And NAFTA has a direct relationship to jobs. People understand that. They see a real possibility their companies will go south."

Thomas J. Downey, a political consultant and former Democratic House member from New York, said: "With all due respect to my friends in labor, I'm for

NAFTA. But they are effective and persistent. They have much of the soul of the Democratic Party. They are going to play a very big role in the president's agenda."

It is too soon to gauge whether unions, long irrelevant to the debates over such national issues, can win this one. It was not until this week that Mr. Clinton began to fight, mustering three former presidents to a White House ceremony, going on the road himself to New Orleans to sell the pact and dispatching cabinet officers to promote it in Congress. But on no other issue in recent years has organized labor committed such energy.

As an institution, organized labor has not changed as much as the climate around it. Most unions, gathered under the umbrella of AFL-CIO, are led by white men, most older than 60.

Although unions are stalwart defenders of democracy, only a few of them, like the teamsters and the mine workers, elect their leaders directly. In most other

unions, leaders are elected indirectly by delegates to conventions, often by acclamation. And unlike most of their members today, most leaders have secure jobs. Once in office, many die there.

Organized labor's membership, strongest in shrinking manufacturing industries and weakest in growing services industries, is still receding. Officials close to the federation say that at its biannual convention next month in San Francisco, it is likely to report that membership of the affiliated unions has dropped by close to 1 million, to 13.9 million, in just two years. Union members today make up less than 16 percent of the work force.

But organized labor can marshal one of the nation's mightiest political networks, as well as fat campaign coffers, in pursuit of its causes. The Federal Election Commission reports that of the 10 largest contributions by political action committees to candidates for federal office in 1991 and 1992, five were from unions. And labor can rally hundreds of

thousands of members to lobby legislators, get out the vote and march in demonstrations.

In the past, said Mark Anderson, director of trade affairs for the AFL-CIO, the government's trade treaties were worked out in the back rooms of Congress and the administration. "This fight will take place in the cities and towns across the country," he said.

Union workers, and many nonunion employees, see the trade agreement as gravely affecting an already volatile job market in which major companies like General Motors Corp. and IBM lay off workers by the tens of thousands, companies relocate factories to low-wage countries and employers replace full-time jobs with part-time and temporary jobs.

"Things are bad enough," said Ben Fischer, a professor of public service at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh and a former steelworkers union officer. "There's so much insecurity. Why add to it?"

## Anti-Drug Money Ineffectively Spent, Review Concludes

By Michael Isikoff  
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — A Clinton administration drug policy review concludes that Defense Department efforts to stem the smuggling of cocaine into the United States have largely failed, and it recommends a rethinking of the international drug effort.

The National Security Council, in its classified review, recently concluded that despite the Pentagon's spending of \$1.1 billion annually — much of it to detect drug smugglers in the "transit zones" of Central America and the Caribbean — price and availability of cocaine in the United States have remained the same, officials said.

As a result, the council has proposed a "controlled shift" that would redirect resources away from interdiction and toward mass military aid for operations aimed at dismantling cocaine labs and disrupting trafficking organizations in South America.

But the policy goal already may have been partly undermined, because Congress recently slashed international U.S. anti-drug programs in the Andean nations, officials said. The proposed shift has also drawn intense criticism from officials at the Customs Service and the Coast Guard, the two leading U.S. agencies that try to stop smugglers. The officials have argued that it would undermine their efforts to keep drugs out of the country.

Both agencies' operations are heavily supported by Pentagon radar planes and Agilis cruises, which provide early detection of potential drug planes and smuggling boats, officials said.

The National Security Council's criticism of interdiction is in line with recent public comments from Attorney General Janet Reno. In an interview last week, she said: "General interdiction, which has been very costly, does not work. I've not seen anything in the six months that I've been in office that's indicated to me that it's been a cost-effective effort."

Administration officials have acknowledged that events may be overtaking them. This week, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved sharp cuts in U.S. foreign aid for anti-drug programs, including a \$47 million reduction in the budget of the State Department office that supports joint U.S.-financed raids on cocaine traffickers in Peru, Bolivia and Guatemala.

U.S. officials said those cuts, most of which have been adopted by the full House, will have a crippling effect. State Department officials said they would be forced to close a U.S.-built military-style base in Peru's Upper Huallaga Valley, the world's main coca-growing region, and sharply curtail helicopter support for Drug Enforcement Administration raids there.

But Senator Patrick J. Leahy, Democrat of Vermont, who oversees the Senate Appropriations subcommittee responsible for foreign operations, has argued that there is no evidence that U.S. operations have diminished drug production in the region. "We've spent over \$1 billion down there so far and we've accomplished virtually nothing," he said. "We ought to realize it's not going to work and call it quits."

About 70 percent of the Pentagon's anti-drug budget goes for Agilis cruisers and E-3 radar planes that patrol the transit zones in and around the Caribbean.

### ★ POLITICAL NOTES ★

#### The Losing Battle to End Abortion Curbs

WASHINGTON — Legislation to prohibit most state curbs on abortion appears to be dead for at least this year and perhaps longer.

The measure, known as the Freedom of Choice Act and once the primary legislative goal of abortion-rights supporters, has lost momentum after a determined assault from opponents.

But there are also other problems. Its supporters are divided about how sweeping a bill is needed or attainable. They are also distracted by other concerns: federal financing for abortions for poor women and covering abortions in President Bill Clinton's new health plan.

The abortion-rights camp will most likely record one clear victory this autumn with passage of a bill to make it a federal crime to block abortion clinics or threaten or kill abortion providers.

The immediate goal of abortion-rights supporters is to resume government funding for abortions for the poor under Medicaid. Such payments have been banned since 1977 under amendments offered by Representative Henry J. Hyde, Republican of Illinois.

In previous attempts to get across-the-board abortion financing for poor women, the pro-choice camp's legislation has been too ambitious. This time, the language is slightly weaker, since it would allow federal money to pay for abortions when women say they were impregnated by rape or incest. (NYT)

#### U.S.-Russia Proposal Hurts Space Station

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration's ambitious plan to collaborate with Russia on a radically different space station has put the program in jeopardy again on Capitol Hill.

On the eve of a critical Senate vote, some of the station's strongest supporters are voicing reservations about the second decision in 90 days to rework plans for the long-delayed project.

Vice President Al Gore's announcement Sept. 2 of the Russian partnership has raised questions about the effects on the beleaguered American aerospace industry, already buffeted by cuts in military spending. Lawmakers are worried about the cost of the new station, as well as its launching schedule and scientific capabilities.

"Is this a well-paced approach? I would say, 'No,'" said Barbara A. Mikulski, Democrat of Maryland, who heads the Senate Appropriations subcommittee that funds the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. She remains a strong supporter of the program but said she was concerned that senators who were wavering "will use this as an excuse" to vote against it. (LAT)

#### Durenberger and DeConcini to Bow Out

ST. PAUL, Minnesota — Two embattled U.S. senators, Dennis DeConcini of Arizona and Dave Durenberger of Minnesota, announced Thursday that they would not seek re-election next year.

"I've decided that I want to continue my mission of public service, but not in a fourth term as a U.S. senator," Mr. Durenberger, a Republican, said in St. Paul. He has been accused of illegally claiming reimbursement from the Senate for staying in a condominium he secretly owned. Mr. Durenberger, 59, and two associates are to go on trial in January on federal charges stemming from that case.

Mr. DeConcini, 56, also in his third term, said he regretted leaving work unfinished but was glad to leave campaign fund-raising behind.

Mr. DeConcini, a Democrat who had been expecting a difficult and expensive re-election challenge, said he would head his last term to pursue "real campaign reform." Instead, he said, "I will leave this to others to do."

First elected to the Senate in 1976, Mr. DeConcini was hit by allegations that he had used inside knowledge to profit from federal land purchases. He was also involved in the "Keating 5" savings and loan fraud affair. (AP)

#### Quote/Unquote

Fred Meyer, chairman of the Republican Party in Texas, on George W. Bush, 46, eldest son of the former president and owner of the Texas Rangers baseball team, who has filed papers to raise money for a 1994 run for governor: "He's a real, live Texan. He's very forthright, he's very honest, he's very blunt. He's also very, very well-liked." (AP)

#### Away From Politics

- Two astronauts aboard the space shuttle Discovery used a seven-hour spacewalk to test tools and procedures that will be used in a mission to repair the Hubble Space Telescope.
- Five British tourists were injured when a walkway to a catamaran collapsed in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, pitching them into the water along with debris. None of the injuries was serious.
- The U.S. Naval Academy's honor code may need revision in the wake of a widening cheating scandal, said the school's superintendent, Rear Admiral Thomas C. Lynch. The validity of the code has been challenged by reports that cheating on an electrical engineering exam may have involved 125 students, more than academy officials at first admitted.
- A second \$2 million dollar reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of a suspect in the World Trade Center bombing in New York. Federal law enforcement officials said the reward is for information about Abdul Rahman Yasin, a U.S. citizen believed to have fled to Iraq.
- A strain of a hantavirus that has caused 21 deaths, mostly in the Southwest, has been discovered in rodents in Southern California, health officials said. But they said that there have been no reports of infection among people in the region. (AP, Reuters, WP, AFP)

## 2-Decade Fugitive Expects 5-Year Term

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BOSTON — Katherine Ann Power, the Vietnam-era fugitive who surrendered 23 years after the fatal bank robbery that sent her underground, will probably spend less than five years in prison, her lawyer said.

One of the last of a generation of fugitive student revolutionaries passionately opposed to the Vietnam War, Ms. Power, 44, pleaded guilty in Superior Court on Wednesday to charges of manslaughter and armed robbery dating from the 1970 robbery in which a Boston police officer was killed.

She is to be sentenced on the charge, which was reduced from murder, on Oct. 6.

Ms. Power's attorney, Ricki Klieman, indicated Ms. Power would spend less than five years in prison under a state court plea agreement. Ms. Power also pleaded not guilty in federal court to theft of government property in an unrelated case. The federal prosecutor, Brian Kelly, said he would recommend a five-year term concurrent with any state sentence.



Katherine Ann Power, sought for murder since 1970, being taken into a Boston courtroom.

In surrendering, Ms. Power shed the identity of Alice L. Metzinger, small-town Oregon wife, mother, successful restaurateur, cooking teacher and taxpayer. She said she was "learning to live with openness and truth, rather than shame and hiddenness."

Ms. Power was accompanied to court by her husband, Ron Duncan, an accountant, and her elderly parents, who said they had not seen or heard from their daughter in 23 years.

"This building isn't big enough to contain my grief," Mr. Duncan said at the courthouse.

Her closest brush with the law was in 1974, when authorities figured out one of her aliases, her lawyer said. The FBI dropped her from its most-wanted list in June 1984 for lack of leads.

She became Alice Metzinger in 1977, eventually creating a vague resume that was true as far as it went, saying for example that she had attended college for three years but not saying what college. She was a student at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, at the time of the robbery.

It was only a month ago that Ms. Power told her son, Jaime, 14, who she really was. And it was only on Sunday, at a goodbye

party she gave for herself, that she revealed her identity to friends she had gained in her years in Oregon.

Eighteen months ago, suffering from a clinical depression, Ms. Power began seeing a therapist. She decided that she could not go on with her secret life.

She consulted a lawyer in Oregon, Steven Black, who had been a pilot in Vietnam, and then one

in Boston, Ms. Klieman, who had been an anti-war student radical at Northwestern University. The two began negotiating Ms. Power's surrender with the district attorney's office.

Until the surrender, Ms. Power's parents had not heard from her since before she drove a getaway car in the Sept. 23, 1970, robbery. Officer William Schroeder, 42, was shot and killed by

William Gilday, one of Ms. Power's four associates, who is serving a life prison sentence.

"We didn't know if she was alive or not," said Ms. Power's mother, Marjorie Power, 71, of Grand Junction, Colorado. "It was a thrill. We showed her all the family that she hasn't seen. We had scrapbooks and everything." (AP, NYT)

## Britain Cautions Tourists On Vacations in Florida

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LONDON — The British government issued a new warning on Thursday to its citizens planning to visit Florida, urging them to take extra security precautions following the murder of a British tourist there earlier this week.

The Foreign Office advised travelers against sleeping in cars, in isolated areas or in highway rest areas. This advice was added as a direct result of the attack Tuesday on a British couple asleep in their rental car at a highway rest stop near Monticello, in northern Florida.

Gary Colley, 34, and his girlfriend Margaret Ann Jagger, 35, were shot by two youths who weakened them from a prowl on nap, asked for money, and opened fire when they tried to flee. Mr. Colley died instantly and Ms. Jagger received minor wounds. (Reuters, AP)

## 3 Years in Ice Cream Theft? Youth's Sentence Rethought

New York Times Service

ATLANTA — State officials in Georgia will review the three-year prison sentence imposed by a rural judge on a black youth involved with two others in the theft of a few ice cream bars.

Judge Andrew Whalen of the four-county Griffin Circuit Court canceled his plan to reconsider his sentencing at a hearing next month and asked the state Board of Pardons and Paroles to step in.

The judge had sentenced Dehundra Caldwell, 17, of Thomaston, last month after the youth and two 15-year-old friends were arrested inside a middle school cafeteria. The 15-year-olds have been treated as juveniles in the July 11 incident, but Mr. Caldwell pleaded guilty in an agreement worked out by his court-appointed attorney.

The three youths reportedly entered the school through an open door. Once inside, the defendant walked the halls while the two younger boys went to the cafeteria, where they got ice cream bars. The police caught them inside the school and found that nothing more than the ice cream was missing.

Mr. Caldwell had served 10 days in jail before Judge Whalen, who would reconsider his sentence Oct. 15. But in an order filed Wednesday, Judge Whalen, who is white, asked the parole board to step in and said that the furor surrounding the sentence had "created tension between the races and is an injustice to all concerned."

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Singapore Pays Poor To Limit Family Size

The most recent twist in Singapore's frequently changing population policy may sound Orwellian...

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Officials say they hope, by using incentives rather than coercion, to ease the lot of poor parents and give their children better educations.

Not for the first time, population policy has prompted some Singaporeans to evoke the specter of eugenics — the attempt to improve the human race by controlling hereditary factors.

AWARE, a vocal Singapore women's group, asked that the government "exercise discretion



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and not withdraw grants from women who are single parent heads (of families)." But otherwise, AWARE said in a statement, the new policy is a "positive and progressive step towards arresting the cycle of poverty."

Around Asia

An exodus from Hong Kong as China's 1997 takeover approaches? It does not seem to be happen-

ing. The crown colony's population is growing faster than at any time in the past 12 years, the Census and Statistics Department said this week. It said 3,919,000 people were squeezed into Hong Kong's 430 square miles (1,074 square kilometers) at the end of June, an increase of 1.8 percent, or 107,500 people, in one year and the sharpest rise since 1981.

A spokesman said arrivals outnumbered departures by 65,000 people during the year, while births outnumbered deaths by 42,500.

A towering statue of U.S. General Douglas MacArthur in the main park in Incheon, where he landed and turned the tide of the 1950-53 Korean War, may be moved to a less prominent site.

"Some people now feel that a statue of a foreigner in Incheon's foremost park is inappropriate and

shows a lack of pride," said an Incheon city official, who asked to remain unidentified. The 6-meter (20-foot) statue may be moved to the Incheon Landing museum. The Korea Times, a national English-language daily, ran a comment by the writer Kim Byung Kuk denouncing the relocation as an act of "ingratitude and betrayal."

The mystery surrounding Mr. Wei's whereabouts and a report by family members that he had remained in police custody after his

Dissident Is 'Absolutely Free'

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BEIJING — Relatives of a prominent Chinese dissident who were allowed to meet with him after his release from prison said Thursday that there were no restrictions on his movements.

The family members said that Wei Jingsheng was resting in a guest house in a Beijing suburb.

The Chinese authorities allowed Mr. Wei to meet with his brother and sister at the guest house Wednesday night. The government announced Tuesday that he had been released from prison six months before the end of his 15-year sentence, and his whereabouts had been a mystery until the meeting.

"I will return to the city within a few days and meet with all my friends," Mr. Wei said in a note given to his brother and released Thursday. "Thank you all for your concern."

Mr. Wei, 43, was arrested in 1979 after writing essays calling for democracy and denouncing China's paramount leader, Deng Xiaoping, as an autocrat. The forthrightness of his writings, the length of his term and unofficial reports of his refusal to recant in prison made him an international symbol of China's suppressed democracy movement.

China's leaders rejected Western appeals for Mr. Wei's release for years. They announced his release 10 days before the International Olympic Committee vote on a host city for the Olympic Games in the year 2000. Beijing, in one of five contenders to host the games.

The mystery surrounding Mr. Wei's whereabouts and a report by family members that he had remained in police custody after his

release from prison had led to speculation that the authorities feared he might say something to jeopardize Beijing's Olympic bid.

However, his dissident as having said he hoped Beijing's application would be successful.

Wei Xiaotao and Wei Lingling said their brother was staying at the guest house willingly in order to rest, collect his thoughts and begin making arrangements for a place to live. Public security officials accompanying him were not restricting his movements, they said.

"He is absolutely free," Wei Xiaotao said.

To another sign of apparent concern by Chinese authorities over the Olympic bid, the Communist Party has banned an open-air rock concert that would have brought local and foreign bands and thousands of youths to a farm outside Beijing, the organizer said.

The party's central propaganda department overruled a Culture Ministry permit for the Yanqi Modern Music Festival.

"The central authorities are worried," said the organizer, Zhong Lina, "about having so many young people in one place at one time so soon after the Olympics vote."

(AP, AFP, Reuters)

Nuclear Agency Rejects North Korea's Conditions

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VIENNA — The International Atomic Energy Agency has rejected North Korea's latest conditions for the inspection of its nuclear facilities, an agency official said Thursday.

David Kyd, a spokesman for the agency, also said that recent North Korean proposals for a resumption of talks were insufficient.

According to Mr. Kyd, the latest North Korean proposals were contained in a letter from the North Korean energy minister in response to a request by the agency director, Hans Blix, for more talks following a first unsuccessful round earlier this month in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital.

North Korea's offer came before a scheduled meeting of the United Nations agency's board of governors next week, in which the continued refusal by North Korea authorities to open two facilities to international inspection is to be discussed.

The United States and its allies have been pressing Pyongyang to allow inspections of the two sites in Yongbyon, north of the capital, suspected of developing nuclear weapons.

Mr. Kyd said that Pyongyang indicated it was not opposed to allowing agency inspectors to resume technical visits to check its surveillance equipment, which has remained in North Korea. But he said the North continued to resist the idea of "real inspections."

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# MIDEAST PEACE / A KING'S CHOICE

## Militants Confront Uncertain Future Opposing Arafat

By William E. Schmidt  
New York Times Service

DAMASCUS — In the two weeks since the news broke that the PLO and the Israelis were negotiating a peace agreement, the Palestinian refugee districts and souks of Damascus have become a cauldron of intrigue and argument.

Here, in the narrow streets where the Palestinian movement's most militant opposition groups have their offices, the question of the moment is: What can or should be done to sabotage the deal wrought by Yasser Arafat and Israel?

Despite a torrent of angry words and even threats, the strategy of those opposed to the Arafat plan seems far from clear. Not only are the 10 Damascus-based groups, which span the spectrum of Palestinian politics from Marxism to Muslim fundamentalism, unable to agree among themselves, but their capacity to challenge Mr. Arafat inside the occupied territories remains doubtful.

So far, the so-called rejectionist organizations — who claim to have large numbers of adherents within the occupied territories — have found themselves largely isolated within the Arab world, since governments from the Gulf to the River Jordan have gone on record as supporting Mr. Arafat's initiative, if only as a tentative step toward a larger Middle East settlement.

More important, even the militants' Syrian hosts have given no indication what kind of leeway, if any, they will allow the opposition groups. Until now, Syria has steered a carefully neutral public course on the Israeli-Palestinian accord, saying only that the Palestinians must do what they think best for them.

Western diplomats here argue that how soon and how comfortably President Hafez Assad is drawn into a satisfactory agreement of his own with Israel for the return of the Golan Heights may well be the determining factor in whether he gives the Damascus-based radicals free rein.

For the Palestinian radicals, who have become accustomed to the patronage and at least tacit support of Syria, the current situation is worrying. "The future is not certain at all," said Daoud Talhami, an official of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, one of the most radical groups within the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"In two or three years, Israel might have diplomatic relations with several Arab countries," Mr. Talhami said. "It may have solved its border problems with Syria and its neighbors, and the Palestinian people could be left in a weakened position, to contend for themselves with Israel."

Looking for an Arab sponsor, Nayef Hawatmeh, the head of the Democratic Front, and Georges Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, were reported to be meeting with Colonel Muammar Gadhafi of Libya, one of only two Arab governments on record as opposing the accord.

The other is Iraq, isolated within the Arab world since the Gulf War. Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO foreign policy spokesman, who refused to support the Palestinian-Israeli accord, is currently visiting Baghdad. Also opposing the accord is Iran, Muslim but not Arab.

Mr. Habash and his fellow radicals and Mr. Kaddoumi argue that Mr. Arafat has sold the Palestinians short by closing a deal for limited self-government.

While the peace plan provides for autonomy over time throughout most of the occupied territories, critics here say there is nothing in it offering hope for the creation of a separate Palestinian state, nor does it address what will happen to the more than 3 million people now in the Palestinian diaspora.

Still, the Popular Front and the Democratic Front, the largest of the radical groups, have each gone out of their way to say they want to avoid a Palestinian civil war.

The various Palestinian factions are, meanwhile, having problems agreeing among themselves.

The militant Islamic group Hamas, for example, one of two Palestinian organizations made up of fundamentalists, has called for convening a Palestinian congress in Yemen to seek a new Palestinian leadership from among those opposed to the accord. But the Popular Front and Democratic Front, whose own leftist agenda contrasts sharply with the arch-conservative Muslims, have indicated that such a meeting is premature.



INTO THE FAD — The Yasser Arafat T-shirt is one of the best-selling new lines at this souvenir shop in the occupied West Bank town of Bethlehem, where an Israeli soldier was browsing Thursday.

## Hassan's Delicate Dilemma Moroccan King Is a Key to Arab-Israeli Ties

By Roger Cohen  
New York Times Service

RABAT, Morocco — Having accorded de facto recognition to Israel by welcoming Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to his summer palace, King Hassan II of Morocco now faces a delicate problem: Should the two countries merely live together or has the time come to exchange rings?

The king's choice on whether to establish diplomatic relations with Israel is crucial because it will be a guide to the degree of political support Arab states are prepared to give Mr. Rabin in the bid for peace with the Palestine Liberation Organization. But Westerners here believe the decision for the king will be particularly difficult, because it involves a clash of personal instinct and pragmatic considerations.

On the one hand, Hassan, through his extraordinary gesture on Tuesday and quiet diplomacy before that, has already demonstrated that he believes Morocco has a special role to play.

Surrounded by several prominent Jewish advisers, acutely aware of the economic potential of a formal opening to a state where close to 500,000 Jews of Moroccan descent live, proud of his dynasty's history of protection of the Jews, and eager to cap his past peacemaking efforts through a pioneering role in reinforcing this week's peace accords, the king is believed to be personally enthusiastic about diplomatic recognition of Israel.

Moreover, he has shown that he is prepared, on occasion, to go out on a limb, attracting the pique and even outright denunciation of other Arab leaders. One interpretation here of his invitation to Mr. Rabin is that Hassan was trying to upstage King Hussein of

Jordan, for whom he is known to bear little affection. Jordan's peace plans with Israel were announced in Washington on the same day as Mr. Rabin's visit.

By all accounts, the invitation to Mr. Rabin was prepared in the utmost secrecy. U.S. diplomats here were in the dark, alerted only at the last minute of Mr. Rabin's impending arrival.

Thus, Hassan, having acted on a discreet personal initiative, clearly has a lot of explaining to do with other Arab leaders. It appears certain that he will want to consult at length with them.

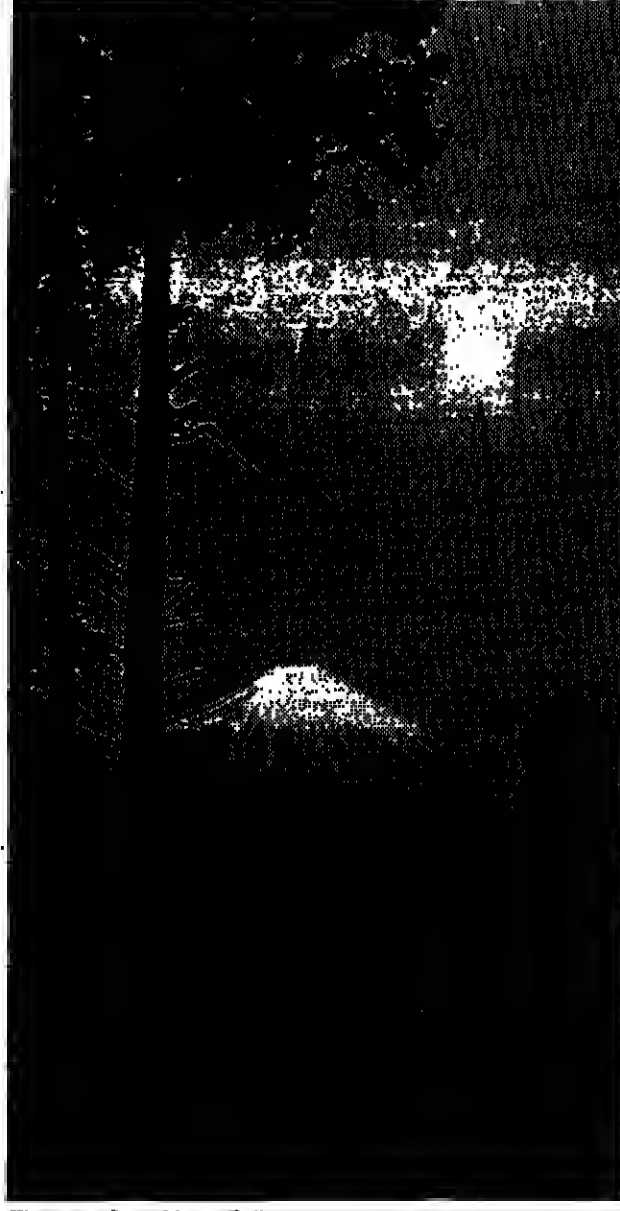
"This process of consultation will take some time, and is one reason I'm convinced that formal recognition of Israel is still some months off," a Western European diplomat said.

Hassan also has to move with some circumspection with respect to his own country. Although his hold on power is extremely secure, bolstered by a stranglehold on information reflected in the fact that every Moroccan newspaper on Wednesday trumpeted the monarch's role as "a pioneer of the Washington peace," the king is acutely sensitive to the strong Islamic militant movement in neighboring Algeria.

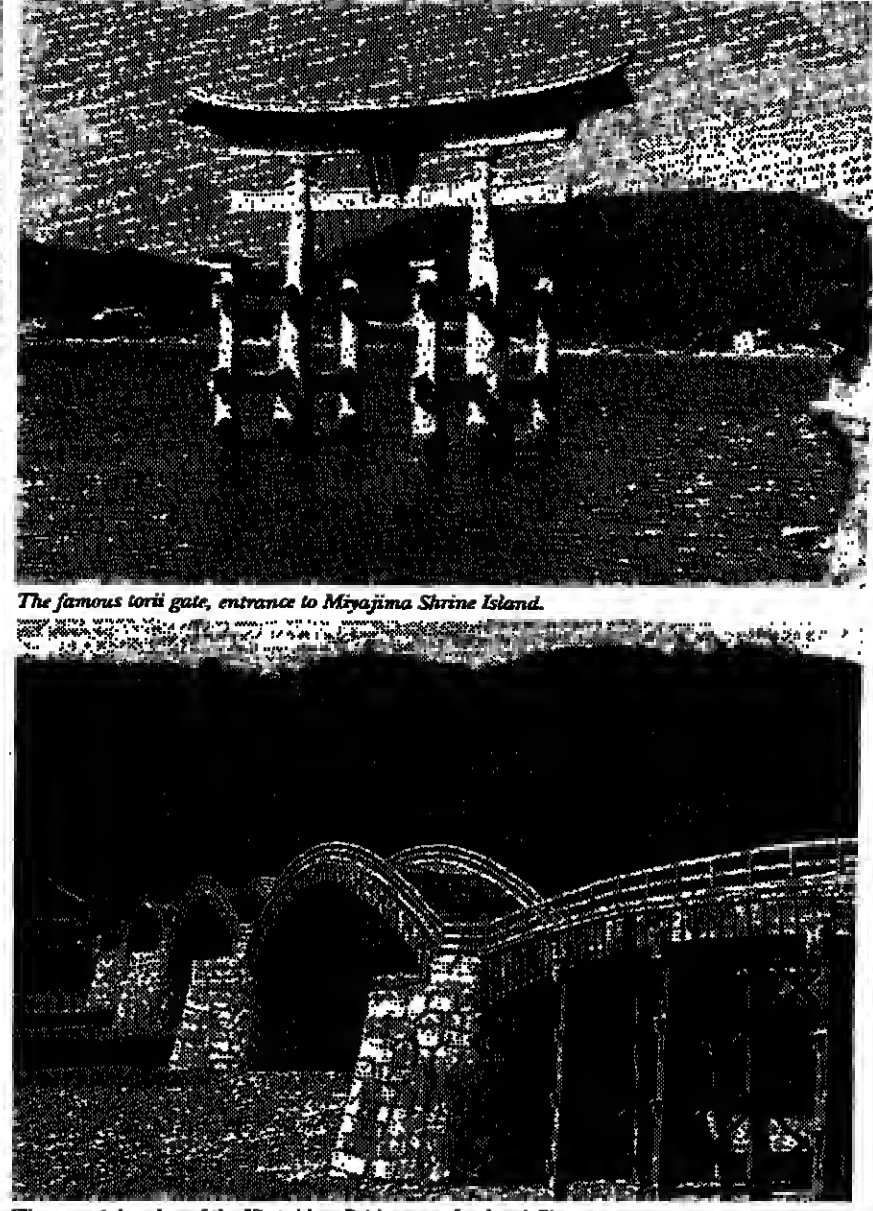
Arab nationalists have also been gaining ground, and a rapid establishment of diplomatic ties with Israel, before the future of the Israeli-Palestinian accords is clear, could boost their standing.

All this suggested that some time may pass before the king grants the diplomatic recognition that his invitation so clearly seemed to press. The Israeli foreign minister, Shimon Peres, appeared to show an appreciation of the difficulties on Tuesday when he said, "There must be a certain gradual approach in this development."

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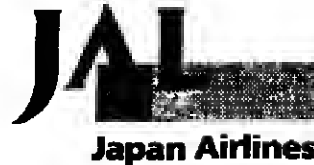
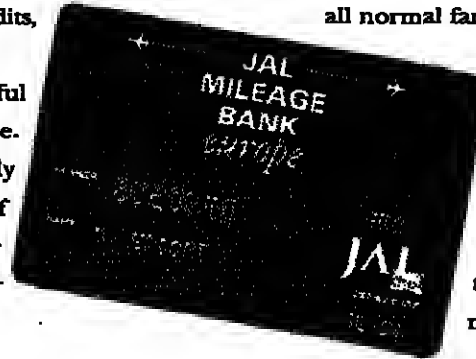
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## U.S. Jewish Leaders Urge Self-Rule Aid

Los Angeles Times Service  
LOS ANGELES — Rabbis and other leaders of American Judaism, in surprise appeals, are calling for U.S. government and private financial support to help Palestinians build self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The calls, issued in hastily rewritten Rosh Hashanah sermons marking the Jewish New Year and in statements by leading Jewish groups, come just days after Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed a momentous accord on the White House lawn Monday, ushering in what many see as breathtaking changes.

Among those supporting economic aid for the Palestinians are the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the central body of 850 Reform congregations in the United States and Canada, as well as Lester Pollack, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, an alliance of 50 national Jewish groups.

While supporting aid, the rabbis also urged continued support for Israel and reminded their congregants not to underestimate the difficulties ahead.

In Los Angeles, a Reform rabbi, Harvey J. Fields, told congregants at Rosh Hashanah services Wednesday night: "Just as we raise our voices for support of Israel, we will now need to raise our voices in support of economic aid for the Palestinians from the United States, Japan, European nations and from the Arab states."

In New York, Mr. Pollack of the Jewish conference said a just and lasting peace must be grounded in economic stability.

"If people in the region don't see the benefits, they're likely to be susceptible to the pleas of religious radical terrorism," he said. "I've been a supporter of economic development, and I think it should be both public and private initiatives at this point because there are real opportunities for peace."

## Israel Seeks to Clean Its Slate of UN Rebukes

By Paul Lewis  
New York Times Service  
UNITED NATIONS, New York — Egypt, Russia, and the United States have agreed to work with Israel to eliminate, revise, or defer many resolutions on Middle East affairs that the UN General Assembly has adopted.

The countries believe that the resolutions have been rendered irrelevant by the agreements Israel signed this week with the Palestine Liberation Organization and Jordan, diplomats said.

The countries plan to press for the wholesale revision of the 32 resolutions, most of them critical of Israel, at the General Assembly meeting that starts Tuesday.

Israel wants the Assembly to cancel resolutions condemning its record on human rights in the occupied territories, criticizing its relations with South Africa, as well as its refusal to renounce nuclear weapons.

"A change must lead to a change in these United Nations resolutions, and we have a responsibility to get rid of obsolete, anachronistic

and counterproductive resolutions, which are irrelevant to the new Middle East situation," the representative of Israel, Gad Yacobi, said Wednesday.

Mr. Yacobi also met with the U.S. representative, Madeleine K. Albright. He has secured the broad support of the Egyptian representative, Nabil A. Elaraby, as well as that of Yuri Vorontsov, the Russian representative.

Two years ago the General Assembly, bowing to U.S. pressure, revoked the resolution of 1974 that equated Zionism with racism.

Israel also wants resolutions dealing with the Israeli settlements in the occupied territories put aside. It is also pushing for the Assembly to defer any discussion of the Golan Heights.

The campaign to withdraw or amend resolutions would remove a principal focus of Assembly activity. Israel and South Africa are the two countries that usually preoccupy the annual gathering of members. But the end of apartheid and moves toward political reconciliation in South Africa have reduced concern over developments there.

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A Flawed Health Care Plan

President Bill Clinton's health care proposal relies heavily on a new competitive market to drive national health care toward high quality and low costs. But political timidity and exaggerated savings estimates may doom the market to failure.

The Last Pennant Race

Of all the things that have been done to baseball over the years to try to make a little more money out of it, none is quite so sad as the new realignment scheme approved by major-league owners.

Other Comment

Strife in Both Camps

There is a test here for the Palestinians — how to resolve the conflict within the community. Some support the peace accord wholeheartedly, some oppose it in detail, others are totally against what they call betrayal.

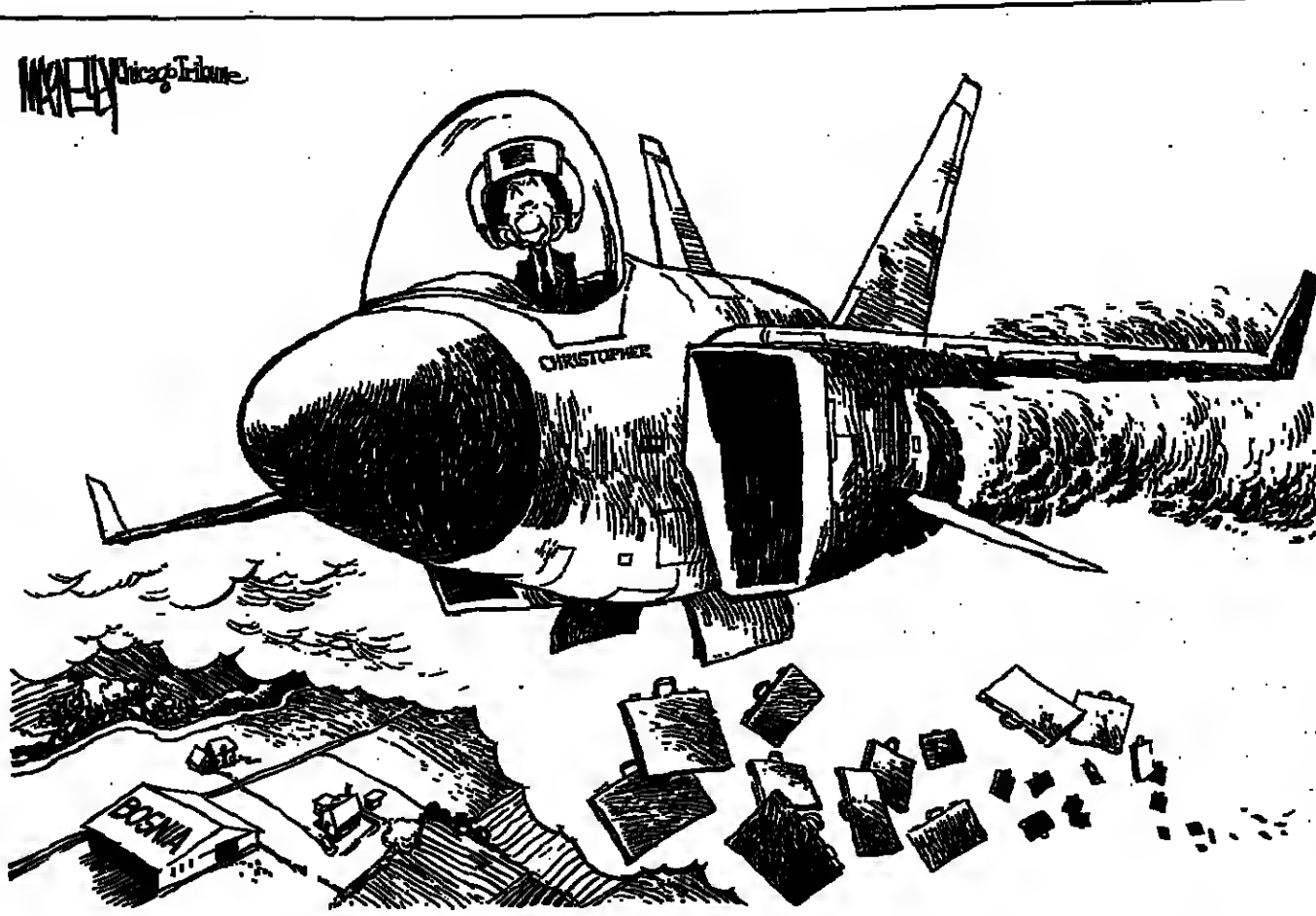
Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's promise not to uproot the 120,000 Jewish settlers in the occupied territories will seem hollow once the PLO takes over. No Jews will want to live at the mercy of a dictatorial PLO regime.

The Buried Killers

To the relief of all, the famous doomsday clock of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists has been slipping further and further from midnight. Longtime readers of that publication can recall a minute hand two minutes from the perpendicular.

concern is particularly deep in countries as heavily mined as Cambodia and El Salvador, where, in a way, every belated detonation brings the war monster back to life.

"Clockwork Orange," 1993
We had a young fellow the other day who is an excellent student. He was stopped at a street corner. He was wearing a gold chain; somebody asked him for it. He started to run, and was shot in the back and killed.



Idling Fuzzily Over Bosnia, in Multilateral Fog

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton rises to a needling and is prepared to needle back. In our interview on Sunday, he was asked if, in what he had called his "terrific" phone call to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, he urged an end to the anti-Israeli boycott.

his subject, "is very, very fuzzy about what specifically we should do in the face of French, British and Russian opposition." "Every last one of them," he emphasized, "so as not to overlook mine."

Somalia: Let's Be Clear About the Terrible Choices

By Caleb Carr

NEW YORK — General Mohamed Farrah Aidid again showed he would stop at nothing when he sent women and children amid his henchmen into Mogadishu streets to attack members of the United Nations force last week.

in Addis Ababa earlier this year, have allowed him to portray himself as a legitimate leader. Seizing General Aidid, General Morgan and other gang leaders and disarming their followers should have been the first order of business.

Freed from the fighting, UN officials could see whether there are leaders who care more about Somalis than personal power. If not, the protectorate status would have to be extended until such leaders emerged.

Talk to Aidid, Don't Demonize Him

By Tom Farer

WASHINGTON — Last Friday's bloody collision of United Nations forces and Somali men and women in Mogadishu has reinforced the case of those who favor a swift exit by the United States.

he should come to them, both Admiral Howe and the head of the U.S. Liaison Mission probably intensified his perception of hostility.

What should UN policy have been? The minority view comes to this: that General Aidid's professions of good intentions should have been tested; that UN and U.S. diplomats should have remained studiously apart from the country's internal politics.

Other Ways To Help Pay For Peace

By Hobart Rowen

WASHINGTON — "The political deal is done, now it's time for economics," Yasser Arafat said at the end of his secret negotiations for a mutual recognition pact with Israel.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Relief in England
PARIS — A great relief has been experienced in England for ten days past. The incubus of Home Rule has disappeared from the sphere of politics.

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SALONICA — The following official communiqué has been issued: "Yesterday (Sept. 15), French and Serbian troops, after a violent artillery preparation, attacked the enemy positions, strongly organized on the Vetrnik-

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# In the Ardennes, Visit a Quiet Memorial to Fallen Soldiers



The 14th-century Trier Gate in Bastogne, once a major crossroads on the route to Germany.

By Michael Balter

**B**ASTOGNE, Belgium — "Nuts!" By now, even those of us old enough to remember World War II have probably forgotten where this famous retort was uttered, and by whom. Yet American General Anthony McAuliffe's response to the German General von Luttwitz, who had demanded that McAuliffe's besieged 101st Airborne Division surrender the Belgian town of Bastogne, is permanently embedded in the lexicon of rousing epithets from the war.

But ours is not an age of heroes. The days of the good fight are long behind us, and our memories have gone dim.

Although McAuliffe's one-word rejoinder might make a great sound bite if the Battle of the Bulge were to be fought today, the networks would probably cut back to a retired officer in the studio to explain exactly what the general meant.

As it was, von Luttwitz's emissaries were not familiar with this American colloquialism and had to be told that it was essentially synonymous with "Go to hell."

McAuliffe was not about to hand over Bastogne, the crossroads of a fragile but strategic network of roads through the vast Ardennes forest. Had he not held on, what came to be known as "Hitler's last gamble" — Germany's attempt in December 1944 to recreate the 1940 Blitzkrieg through the Ardennes and reverse the disaster of the Allied invasion of Normandy — might have paid off. At best, from the Allied point of view,

the victory in Europe would have been delayed for many months.

Today, Bastogne is probably as famous for its butcher shops as for the butchery that raged around its outskirts almost 50 years ago. Windows filled with dark, aged Ardennes ham and smoked sausages line the Grande Rue, along with a number of *friteries*, where you can buy what the British call chips, the Americans call French fries and the Belgians make better than any else.

The only time you are likely to see someone in a uniform — other than the occasional visiting British or American veteran in military dress — is when the members of the Brotherhood of Pig Herders don their ceremonial red cloaks at the call of their Grand Master.

**Y**ET, the people of Bastogne have not forgotten what happened here. Or, at least, they have erected enough monuments so that they can get on with their lives while the tourists do the remembering.

Thus on one corner of the main square, Place McAuliffe, a Sherman tank sits next to a bust of the American general on a pedestal, while on Mardasson Hill a massive memorial to the 19,000 Americans who died in the Battle of the Bulge looks down on the town and its surrounding fields and forests.

The essential part of a pilgrimage to this former battleground is a visit to the Bastogne Historical Center, which shares the hill with the memorial. Here, in a star-shaped black building erected by the municipality, the

Belgian collector Guy Arend has deposited his imposing hoard of war memorabilia.

A lineup of mannequins dressed in every manner of battle garb occupies the center of the main room, and surrounding this military fashion show are glass cases stuffed with thousands of items indispensable to the soldier of the day: Tins of foot powder and insecticide, travel toothbrushes and bars of soap suitable for use "in soft, hard or sea water at any reasonable temperature."

## 19,000 Americans died at the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944.

**A**LSO on display are a number of propaganda leaflets that the Germans, knowing that Christmas 1944 was fast approaching, dropped on the American boys holed up in the town. "Listen Yankee: Are you a sucker?" one of them begins. Another features a smiling skull wearing a helmet and mouthing the words "Waiting for You," while on the reverse side a burly young woman with a plunging neckline is "Longing for You."

The high point is a 15-minute re-creation of the battle for Bastogne, projected on a large floor screen and annotated in several languages.

According to the center's guidebook, this audiovisual show was created in consultation with General McAuliffe and Hasso von Manteuffel, commander of the German Fifth Panzer Army, which played a key role in the Ardennes campaign.

The thrusts and parries of the opposing armies are indicated by moving arrows, — the Americans are blue, the Germans red — while a soundtrack plays military music to a background of machine-gun fire and explosions.

It is pretty rousing stuff, especially when General George Patton's troops break through the German lines and save the 101st Airborne. Patton — who was battling away in the Saarland at the time — had ordered his troops to "drive like hell," and arrived at the edge of Bastogne the day after Christmas, no doubt with his trademark ivory-handled revolvers flapping at his hips.

It was an expensive lesson for the Americans, who had ignored warnings from the British — notably Winston Churchill and Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery — that by leaving the thick forests and narrow valleys of the Ardennes weakly defended they were asking for trouble.

Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery, the Allied supreme commander Dwight D. Eisenhower and numerous other British and American generals and statesmen would continue to argue the point in their memoirs for years afterward.

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# 'I Love New York': World of Kitsch

By James Barron  
New York Times Service

**N**EW YORK — Ralph Sarwari can tell when the economy is turning sour in Germany or Japan, perking up in Brazil or taking off in Taiwan. He can tell when the French franc is falling and the Swiss franc is soaring.

And he can do all of this without leaving his place beneath the fluorescent lights of Xanadu. Not Kubla Khan's domed mansion, not the too-opulent-for-words mansion in "Citizen Kane," but the cash of kitsch, the Monte Carlo of mementos, the Shangri-la of souvenirs: a store at 1528 Broadway, at the northern edge of Times Square, that, under Sarwari's management, sells everything from Statuettes of Liberty to "I Love NY" cigarette lighters, "I Love NY" pencils and "I Love NY" T-shirts.

Not to mention the \$899 denim jackets with lower Manhattan hand-painted on the back under a sky of glittery spangles. One day, a Japanese man bought 12.

No one, not Sarwari, not even Scott C. Borawsky, publisher of *Souvenir and Novelty* magazine, knows what part of the \$1 billion-a-year national souvenir business is rung up on the cash registers of New York. In 1991, the most recent year for which figures are available, state economic development officials counted 693 gift, novelty and souvenir shops in the city.

Sarwari, who spends less than \$10,000 a year on advertising, says Xanadu's secret is its location. "How can a tourist miss Times Square?" But like a hotel manager who sees red ink when bookings suddenly fall off, Sarwari is all too aware when consumer confidence 5,000 miles away hits an air pocket: Foreign tourists buy the \$2.99 Statue of Liberty ballpoint pen instead of the \$99 copy the size of a soft-drink bottle.

Still, merchandise that says "New York"

**Bottoms Up (\$9.99), a souvenir from Xanadu, provides the clip-on handle a beer can lacks.**



sells. "New York, there's that excitement," Sarwari said. "Coming from a small town somewhere, they want to be part of it. They don't want to live here."

Xanadu's 16-member staff does; this showcase of American kitsch is totally run by immigrants. Sarwari, who was born in Afghanistan 35 years ago and arrived from Pakistan in 1982, can't imagine himself anywhere else.

The Statue of Liberty is the consummate New York icon (available at Xanadu in six sizes and three colors). Ditto the World Trade Center, whose popularity surged after what Sarwari calls "the incident" — the bombing in February. Postcards and T-shirts with the twin towers have been selling faster than tiny replicas, Sarwari said.

"The Japanese love them. With Japanese, they don't buy one or two. Any piece they buy, they buy 20. They are great customers, but they all want different bags. They want 40 plastic bags so they can present the gifts individually."

There is more. "Germans? Not like Japanese," he said. "French, they're cheap, I can tell. I speak the language, I overhear things. The sales tax is shocking. In France — even at 30 percent or 45 percent in Scandinavia — they don't feel it, it's built into the price. But 8.5 percent? They never get used to it."

In all kinds of languages. One customer, Giovanni Caprini, 18, a university student from Milan, was buying a dozen pencils. "Place," she said. A friend, Doris Pazzino of Floral Park, New York, explained that this meant she liked Xanadu very much, despite the sales tax.

Increasingly, the souvenirs as well as the customers come from far away. Sarwari sells a made-in-Korea-or-Taiwan piggy bank that looks like a giant penny, and the ballpoint pens with King Kong climbing the Empire State Building are Danish imports. "Somebody came in wanting an American-made pen, a regular pen," he said. "I don't sell that."

## FEAR THIS

**Cold-blooded sense:** Dinosaur fossils being sold at auction in London went through the ozone. Anonymous telephone bidders paid \$46,000 (\$69,000) for a lot of 10 eggs, and \$3,000 for 23 chunks of droppings. The goods were being sold by an amateur Dutch geologist called Jan Stobbe. It just shows there is money in the auction market when the right stuff comes along.

## THE MOVIE GUIDE



Lavish literary adaptation: on the set of Martin Scorsese's "The Age of Innocence."

### The Age of Innocence

Directed by Martin Scorsese, U.S.

Fans of lavish literary adaptations will relish a season of opulent period epics drawn from heavy parchment dreams, beginning with Martin Scorsese's version of Edith Wharton's "The Age of Innocence." Scorsese's sumptuous version of Wharton's novel is a religiously authentic re-creation of New York as it was in the heyday of the Morgans and Vanderbilts. Wharton wrote this tragedy of manners in 1920, but set it in the 1870s, an epoch defined by such incongruities as cinched waists and 13-course meals. Scorsese hired art historians, Wharton scholars and experts in period music, floral arrangements and table settings. Etiquette consultant Lily Lodge, whose grandmother knew Wharton, taught the actors how to clip their Cuban cigars and the actresses to flutter their fans. Movements are discreet, gestures prim. Violations spoke volumes, as in the plight of the story's Europeanized heroine, the outspoken Countess El-

### Tombstones and Divorces

Directed by Ryo Iwamatsu, Japan.

A couple in the grips of mid-marriage blues, honeymoon over and the grave yawning (he is a tombstone salesman), try to understand the shape of their lives. This is all that this admirable first feature is made of, but it is structured so subtly and crafted so well, that the experience is neither home-drama nor sit-com but more like — well — life. The camera (it learned its craft from Ozu's) is always there waiting to catch the tiniest tropism; things (the clock, the view out of the bedroom window, the front door) have roles of their own; scenes paralleled each other and comment upon the plot; and the various verbal formalities of Japanese life (what you say when you come home, what you say when you leave) have a sly choreography all of their own. This lovely picture quietly opens up within the mind and leaves behind a scent of the absurd sadness of ordinary life.

### The Real McCoy

Directed by Russell Mulcahy, U.S.

"The Real McCoy" looks like a television movie that won a raffle and became a theatrical film instead. The high concept: a beautiful cat burglar (Kim Basinger) wants nothing more than to go straight and raise her young son after serving six years in prison. Mother love is thwarted when her former associates kidnap the child to force her to carry out one last bank job. The movie has a certain store-bought surface polish, but, inside, it's just as rickety as it sounds. The cast includes Val Kilmer, as a nonprofessional criminal who comes to Basinger's aid; Terence Stamp, as the vile "Mr. Big" who blackmails the woman; and Gailard Sartain, as Basinger's lecherous and crooked parole officer. The movie was shot in Atlanta. "The Real McCoy" isn't ghastly in the way of something pretentious. It's wan: A movie that totally fails its small purpose to make the time between commercials pass quickly.

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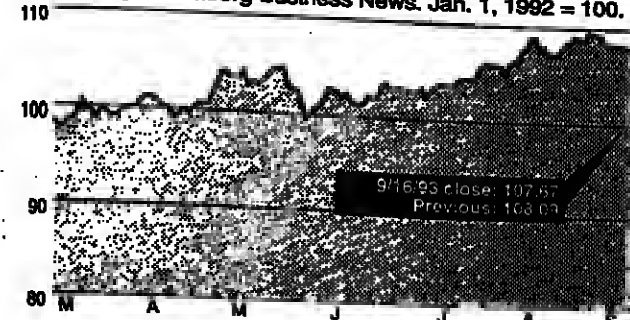




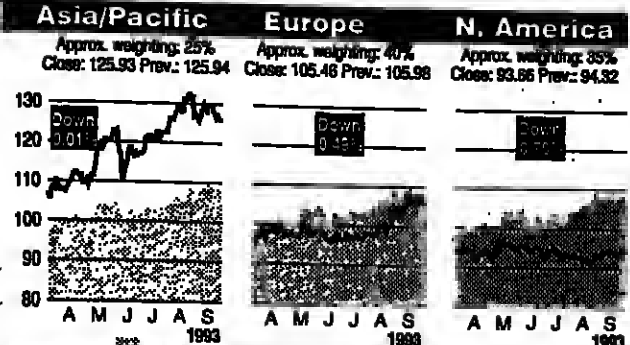


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Industrial Sectors	This Week	Prev. Week	% Change
Energy	106.14	106.74	-0.56
Utilities	113.16	113.33	-0.15
Finance	118.57	118.79	-0.19
Services	115.88	116.54	-0.57

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## Bundesbank Chief as Euroskeptic Schlesinger Questions Maastricht Treaty Timetable

By Brandon Mitchener  
International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT — Two weeks before he retires, the Bundesbank president, Helmut Schlesinger, cast doubt on Europe's ambitious timetable for economic and political union and questioned whether it would deliver the promised dream of a stable United States of Europe.

"As Bundesbank president, I have supported the goal of Maastricht — and the concept is certainly correct — but there is some question how it will all work in practice," Mr. Schlesinger told a small group of journalists in a broad, three-hour discussion at the Bundesbank's headquarters on Thursday.

The biggest threat to the viability of European union is an apparent lack of realism on the part of some politicians, who underestimate the extent of their obligations under the Maastricht treaty, he said, citing a popular German opinion. "Enthusiasm isn't enough," he added.

In Germany, gaping deficits in public-sector budgets remain the most serious threat to trust in the German currency, Mr. Schlesinger said, repeating an alarm sounded in the

central bank's latest monthly report, published Thursday.

Including off-budget expenditures, public-sector demand for credit this year will amount to around 230 billion Deutsche marks (\$143.5 billion), or 7.5 percent of German economic output, the Bundesbank said in the report. It declared the state of German public finances had "considerably worsened" over the year and could become a lasting problem.

"Even if the overwhelming portion of new debt incurred is a result of German unification and therefore cannot be compared with the even higher deficits in other countries, an incremental consolidation in government budgets is urgent," the report said.

"Justifying deficits with arguments related to the difficult economic situation leads in the long run to stubborn structural deficits by way of lasting higher interest rate payments," it said.

Aside from budget deficits, which are beyond the Bundesbank's control, however, Mr. Schlesinger expressed satisfaction with the central bank's campaign against the negative fallout of German unification and showed no remorse at the economic upheaval its actions have sometimes caused.

"Given the circumstances, money supply growth is no longer so exceptional," he said. Furthermore, Mr. Schlesinger added, "German interest rates have been lower only three times over the last 40 years, and that at times when inflation was below 2 percent." Current, German inflation is closer to 4 percent.

"We're by no means completely satisfied, but we're on the right path," he said. "We have preserved the stability of the mark, and that's what's important."

Regarding Europe, Mr. Schlesinger dismissed repeated criticism that a tight German monetary policy exacerbated Europe's slide into recession and is delaying recovery. "The problems of Europe aren't the results of German unification but of a fixed exchange-rate system," he said. The relaxation in August of currency targets "frees others from having to conduct monetary policies out of step with their national needs," he added.

Just before his retirement on Oct. 1, Mr. Schlesinger, an avid mountain climber, compared his job at Europe's most powerful economic institution to climbing the stark face of rock that becomes less frightening with pro-

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## As Tokyo Unveils Economic Plan, Doubts Abound

By Andrew Pollack  
New York Times Service

TOKYO — The government of Japan announced Thursday its third emergency stimulus package in 13 months, in what economists say is becoming an increasingly futile effort to revive the economy.

The program consists of about 6 trillion yen (\$37 billion) of increased public-works spending, low-interest loans and tax incentives designed to pull the world's second-largest economy out of its worst downturn in at least two decades.

The government also announced that it would loosen regulations in 94 areas, from allowing small brewers to make beer to allowing customers to buy cellular phones rather than lease them from the phone company. It also said it would take steps to pass on the benefits of the stronger Japanese yen to consumers by lowering electricity and gas rates and promoting lower prices for imported goods.

Economists said, however, that the new efforts will not be strong enough to rescue the economy. Some business leaders were disappointed that the package did not contain a big cut in income taxes that they had hoped would have given consumers money to spend on new cars, televisions and clothing. The government said that a commission would recommend changes to the tax system by November, all but eliminating the chance of a tax cut this year.

The measures are not expected to satisfy Washington, which has pushed Japan to cut taxes. The United States wants Japanese consumers to spend more to help the recovery of the sluggish world economy and to reduce Japan's

massive trade surplus by buying more imported products.

Although the new package was not officially announced until the Tokyo stock market had closed for the day, the Nikkei average plummeted 445.64 points, or 2.1 percent, to finish at 20,502.15.

And the dollar fell sharply against the yen, as traders anticipated that a disappointed United States would favor a strong yen as a way of reducing Japan's trade surplus. In Tokyo trading, the dollar closed at 104.62 yen, down 1.13 yen.

The new package represents a major test for Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa, who vowed to concentrate on political reform but who has been sidetracked as business conditions have worsened because of the rise of the yen and an unusually cool and wet summer.

The prime minister announced the measures, which he called "rather bold," at a news conference in which he explained the program using charts.

The 6 trillion yen stimulus consists of almost 2 trillion yen in public-works spending. Half of that will be spending by the national government on items such as art museums and wheelchair ramps, and another 500 billion yen will be spent by local governments. In addition, 450 billion yen will be spent on recovery from this summer's big earthquake and typhoons.

Some 2.9 trillion yen is earmarked for low-interest loans for home-buying, one of the bright spots of the economy. The rest of the fiscal stimulus consists of incentives for businesses, such as loans to help small and medium-

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## Europe's Airline Chiefs Argue to a Draw

By Tom Buerkle  
International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS — Europe's airlines appeared hopelessly divided Thursday on how to restore their fortunes, as several unprofitable carriers pleaded for government bailouts and protection arrangements while healthier British and Scandinavian airlines called for more rapid liberalization of the market.

The chairman of Air France, Sabena and Alitalia all warned against following the American example of widespread deregulation, which they said led only to greater concentration in a few carriers and massive operating losses. They were speak-

ing before an EC panel charged with finding ways to restore the industry's financial health.

"We must find a halfway solution between bureaucracy and the jungle," Bernard Attali of Air France said.

Mr. Attali said the United States was seeking to recoup the costs of its deregulation by letting its remaining big carriers poach international market share under the guise of "unilateral" air-traffic agreements. He urged governments to resist that pressure and called on the EC Commission to allow European carriers to work together to cut capacity and set prices.

Giovanni Bisignani of Alitalia said that without more regulatory protection, the European industry was at risk of a collapse as dramatic as this summer's breakdown of the European Monetary System.

Pierre Godfroid of Belgium's Sabena, which recently imposed a 17 percent wage cut on employees, said the carrier was "reaching a stage where it will become indecent to ask our employees again for sacrifices." He called for EC funding to help carriers, both profitable and unprofitable, restructure.

"We expect no more than what the Community did for other in-

dustries," he said, citing railways, steel, textiles and agriculture.

That was too much for Richard Branson, the maverick chairman of Virgin Atlantic Airways, who asserted that Europe's airline regulatory framework was equalled in inefficiency only by its farm-subsidy program.

Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways, also said governments must resist pressures for subsidies from an industry that has taken in \$3 billion in the last three years alone. Airlines must cut costs

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## WALL STREET WATCH

### Misguided Investors Pay To Lose Money on Wang

By Kurt Eichenwald  
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — A company with a well-known name is about to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, so a favorite Wall Street story is under way: Professionals are selling the company's virtually worthless stock to retail investors, while the exchanges do nothing.

The company, Wang Laboratories Inc., the onetime giant maker of computers, is expected to emerge next week from more than a year of reorganization as a smaller, humbler company.

The prospect of Wang's rebirth has created a lot of excitement, as investors rush to buy what they apparently believe is a cheap piece of a turnaround. Volume in the company's shares has been enormous in recent weeks, with more than 2 million shares trading hands on some days, at prices ranging from 50 cents to more than \$1 a share.

What is wrong with this picture? The two classes of shares will be canceled under the reorganization and replaced with warrants that will give the stock a value close to zero. That means every purchaser of Wang stock is essentially throwing away cash. "These warrants will trade — we are really being literal here — for a few pennies," said Frank J. Ryan, a spokesman for Wang. "I'm not saying a dime or a nickel; I'm saying a few pennies." Those investor losses could have been avoided, but the American Stock Exchange chose to ignore Wang's requests to delist the shares. The listing, Mr. Ryan said, continued "against our better judgment or advice."

A spokesman for the exchange, asked for comment, referred to a statement it made in March, saying that Wang shares would remain listed because "investors will be best served through a continuation of the orderly trading provided by its auction market system."

In other words, the Amex essentially says, if investors are going to flush their money down the toilet, let them do it at our house, where the plumbing is better. This is not the first time unsophisticated investors have been fleeced because exchanges refused to delist bankrupt companies whose stock had lost all value. Continental Airlines, openly fought with the Amex to get its worthless shares delisted last year during its reorganization.

The New York Stock Exchange is no better. Shares of Trans World Airlines and LTV continued to be traded on the Big Board long after it was clear that the shares of both companies, which were in Chapter 11, were almost worthless.

The shares will have a value very close to zero.

## For Computer Maker, Act 2

By Glenn Rifkin  
New York Times Service

LOWELL, Massachusetts — Battered, bruised and humbled, Wang Laboratories Inc. is about to get something rare in the high-technology wars: a second chance.

Wang, which at its peak in 1988 had sales of nearly \$3 billion, employed 32,000 people and competed directly with International Business Machines Corp., in minicomputers and word-processing systems, is expected to emerge next week from more than a year of reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. The smaller Wang, which will have little in common with its past except its name, may surprise a few people in the industry who had given the company up for dead.

At a confirmation hearing in Boston scheduled for Monday, a federal bankruptcy judge is to rule on the reorganization plan that Wang has worked out with its creditors. Because the creditors committee has agreed to trade its claims for stock in the company, Wang would emerge largely freed from its \$500 million of debt.

It also is expected to start with a clean balance sheet plus proceeds of a \$60 million private sale of preferred stock and warrants. And in contrast to its former strategy of groping to move beyond the aging VS minicomputer line, Wang is pursuing a narrowly focused business plan based on a set of software products that are drawing praise from customers and consultants.

Wang filed for bankruptcy protection in August 1992 after posting losses of \$1.46 billion over three years as sales of its minicomputers all but evaporated. In the year ended in June 1993, the company had a loss estimated at \$200 million, according to its restructuring plan.

"Basically, they did a frontal lobotomy, getting rid of the people who worshipped products, and became focused on value," said Thornton May of Tenex Consulting in Burlington, Massachusetts.

Wang plans to rely on its reputation in business offices, where it sold billions of dollars of word-processing systems. The new strategy counts on sales of software to paper-intensive workplaces such as banks and insurance companies, where large quantities of documents and images are turned into digital files that can be stored on computers. Instead of selling its own hardware, Wang will act as a systems integrator, putting together office computer networks for clients from an array of other vendors' equipment.

### WANG WANG WANG

Financial condition of Wang Laboratories, in millions of dollars.

	In bankruptcy	Post-bankruptcy
Short-term debt	\$ 43	\$ 22
Long-term debt	454	3
Total Debt	\$497	\$ 25
Equity	(\$508)	\$306
Total Capital	(\$17)	\$331
Debt as a percentage of capital	more than 100%	8%

WANG WANG WANG  
The New York Times

Though it will continue to support its 35,000 business customers who use Wang VS minicomputers, and will continue to upgrade the VS products, Wang will be making a bare minimum of computer hardware.

Its manufacturing operations, which once employed 9,000 people on three million square feet of space, have been reduced to 60 employees and 150,000 square feet. Overall, Wang has pared its work force to 6,000, a level in keeping with the slightly less than \$1 billion in revenue it expects in the year that begins Oct. 1.

Some analysts say the new Wang is on the right track. "They are coming out of Chapter 11 a much leaner machine with a much more focused approach to their core competencies, such as office automation and imaging software and services," Jack E. Gold, a consultant with META Group in Westport, Connecticut, said. "We think their chances of survival are quite good."

Some consultants praised the business strategy of Wang, citing not only its imaging software but its ability to integrate all its office software with systems from other manufacturers. Wang has quietly been forming partnerships with the likes of Novell Inc., Lotus Development Corp., Powersoft Corp., Banyan Systems Inc. and Microsoft Corp., to make Wang software compatible with software from those companies.

Wang has also used joint agreements with IBM and Hewlett-Packard Co. to shift its VS minicomputer customers to IBM and Hewlett-Packard workstations that can run Wang software and are based on a technology known as RISC, for reduced-instruction-set computing.

## 'Gang of 5' Asian Broadcasters Challenge Murdoch by Satellite

By Kevin Murphy  
International Herald Tribune

HONG KONG — A challenge to Rupert Murdoch's plans to dominate Asian satellite broadcasting emerged Thursday with five major programming companies signing an agreement to lease space on a satellite to be launched in mid-1994.

The five have also agreed to coordinate distribution, marketing, program transmission and signal encryption where appropriate. They are Hong Kong's Television Broadcasts Ltd.; Turner Broadcasting Systems Inc., the parent of Cable News Network; the sports network ESPN Asia Ltd.; Time Warner Inc.'s Home Box Office and Tele-Communications Inc.'s Discovery Channel.

"There is a credible rival on the scene now," said Mark Ingall, Bozell Ltd.'s executive media director for Asia Pacific. "They should be able to give STAR-TV a run for their money."

The loose partnership was sealed earlier this year and is dubbed the Gang of Five. The five companies' commitment to lease nine satellite transponders for roughly \$1.5 million each gives them greater access to the Asian market than they currently enjoy. It also opens China and its 1,000 or

so small cable television systems to greater international competition.

"We all know the areas where we have independent strength," said Robert Ross, Turner Broadcasting's vice president for international business development. "Now we're in the process of working out our common opportunities."

The five, who say they welcome more programmers to join their club, have booked space on a satellite of equal capabilities to the one used by STAR-TV, the Hong Kong-based network in which Mr. Murdoch's News Corp. bought a \$525 million, 64.5 percent stake in late July.

"It's an even-up game now," said Steven Rosenberg, executive vice president of HBO International. "The game is programming, not delivery, and the game has only begun."

STAR-TV has raced ahead of competitors eager to crack the television market where two-thirds of the world's population lives by establishing a five-channel, 24-hour network freely beamed into 38 countries across Asia.

Developed by the Hong Kong conglomerate

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## CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

Cross Rates									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Australian	1.64	2.34	1.21	0.32	0.14	1.11	1.21	1.28	1.65
British	1.64	2.34	1.21	0.32	0.14	1.11	1.21	1.28	1.65
French	1.64	2.34	1.21	0.32	0.14	1.11	1.21	1.28	1.65
German	1.64	2.34	1.21	0.32	0.14	1.11	1.21	1.28	1.65
Japanese	1.64	2.34	1.21	0.32	0.14	1.11	1.21	1.28	1.65
Swiss	1.64	2.34	1.21	0.32	0.14	1.11	1.21	1.28	1.65
Other Dollar Values									
Argentine	1.64	2.34	1.21	0.32	0.14	1.11	1.21	1.28	1.65
Canadian	1.64	2.34	1.21	0.32	0.14	1.11	1.21	1.28	1.65
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## Trade Deficit Of U.S. Falls With Imports

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit shrank in July to \$10.34 billion as sluggish growth curbed an appetite for imports while plunging deliveries of aircraft produced a decline in exports, government figures showed Thursday.

Analysts said it was now almost certain the deficit would surpass \$100 billion this year and result in the biggest imbalance since 1985.

"Most worrisome is what's going on with Europe," commented Willard Workman, vice president-international for the United States Chamber of Commerce. He noted U.S. sales there have fallen 8 percent over the past year and Canada has replaced the European Community as the top market for U.S. exports.

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Weak Bond Prices Drag Stocks Lower

NEW YORK — Weak bond prices pulled stocks modestly lower in light trading on Thursday. It appears "most of the decline in interest rates is about over, for now," said Peter Da Fuzzo, senior managing director at Cantor, Fitzgerald & Co.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 2.80 points, to 3,630.85, following a rise of 17.89 points on Wednesday. Declining issues on the New York Stock Exchange outnumbered advances by a 4-to-3 ratio. Over-the-counter stocks edged out a small rise, with the Nasdaq over-the-counter index up 0.26, to 739.80.

Trading was light because of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year holiday. Volume on the New York Stock Exchange fell to 224.63 million shares from 294.40 million traded Wednesday.

The approach of Friday's triple expiration on stock indexes, futures and options also restrained activity as professionals prepared to adjust their holdings.

The bellwether 30-year Treasury bond fell 23/32, to 103 1/32, rais-

ing its yield to 6.03 percent from 5.98 percent.

Rising interest rates that hurt stocks and bonds followed a New York Times report that indicated the Federal Reserve Board was unlikely to cut short-term rates. Both markets have advanced during a period of relatively easy monetary policy by the central bank. Fed officials said further easing could result in "a speculative bubble" in stock and bond prices.

Royal Dutch was the most active New York Stock Exchange issue, down 1 1/4 at 99 1/4. Its activity was said to be linked to stock swaps geared to capture a special dividend.

Home Depot followed, up 1 1/4 at 37 1/4, following a brokerage recommendation.

Whitpool Corp. sagged 3 1/2 to 57 1/4 after it told analysts it expected second-half earnings growth to be strong but less robust than the first half, when profit from continuing operations rose about 50 percent.

Echo Bay led the American Stock Exchange active, rising 1/4 to 10 1/4. Gold was up \$5.10 an ounce, to \$354.70, on the Commodity Exchange in New York. (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder, UPI)



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Ford and UAW Reach Pact

DEARBORN, Michigan (Combined Dispatches) — Newly hired hourly workers at Ford Motor Co. would be paid 73 percent of current workers' wages for their first three years, under a tentative contract reached between the company and the United Auto Workers.

The three-year Ford contract, which is expected to serve as a patch for talks at General Motors Corp. and Chrysler Corp., as well, provides a two-tier wage system in the automaker's current workers' wages but at new workers are paid at 85 percent of current workers' wages.

The pact, which must be voted on by Ford's 96,000 hourly workers, allows current workers to keep their fully paid health benefits and allows new employees to qualify for those benefits more quickly. The agreement reached late Wednesday after a 40-hour session that concluded nearly three months of talks, provides for a 3 percent raise in the first year and lump-sum bonuses equal to 2.5 percent of pay in the second year and 2 percent in the third year — the same structure as in the current contract but with smaller bonuses. (AP, WP, Reuters)

Dixons to Take Stake in U.S. Firm

LONDON (Combined Dispatches) — Dixons Group PLC said Thursday it had agreed to sell its unprofitable American retail operation, Sfo Holdings Inc., to Fretter Inc., a consumer electronics retailer in Livonia, Michigan, in exchange for a stake in Fretter.

Dixons said its 33 percent drop in pretax profit for its latest year was due to a provision of \$36.2 million (\$56.1 million) to restructure Sfo. On completion of the transaction, Dixons will receive 30 percent of Fretter's ordinary shares and \$30 million of 5 percent convertible preferred stock. If fully converted, the stock would give Dixons a 49 percent stake in the U.S. concern, the British company said. (AFP, Bloomberg)

Federal-Mogul to Buy SPX Division

SOUTHFIELD, Michigan (AP) — Federal-Mogul Corp. said Thursday it would buy the Sealed Power Replacement division of SPX Corp. for about \$150 million.

Sealed Power Replacement distributes auto parts and has annual sales of about \$163 million. Federal-Mogul is a distributor and manufacturer of car and truck parts.

Cable Channel for Music Products

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Bertelsmann AG said it and Tele-Communications Inc. had agreed to form a cable television channel through which viewers could buy music-related products.

The German media company said the channel would be launched in the next 12 months and be offered initially in "key music markets" in the United States through Tele-Communications' cable systems and the systems of other major operators.

United Water Plans to Acquire GWC

HARRINGTON PARK, New Jersey (AP) — United Water Resources Inc. said Thursday it would acquire GWC Corp. for about \$200 million in cash and stock, forming the second largest investor-owned water utility in the United States.

Robert A. Gerber, chairman, and Donald L. Correll, president and chief executive of United Water Resources, are to remain in those positions in the merged company. Frank J. Pizzitola, chairman and president of GWC, will become an advisory director of United Water. GWC is a water-utility operator based in Wilmington, Delaware.

For the Record

Amesong Co. agreed to sell Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Co. for \$28.5 million to a group formed by Ironhorse Ventures Inc. and W. Wallace McDowell Jr., a former chairman of Illinois Central Corp. (Bloomberg)

E.L. Helms Co. paid Olex Co. \$90 million for the frozen-food brands Moore's and Domani when the acquisition was completed in July, the company's latest quarterly report shows. (Bloomberg)

Dollar Falls Versus Yen After Tokyo Package

NEW YORK — The dollar tumbled against the yen Thursday amid signs the U.S. government was not content with Japan's latest effort to revive its slumping economy.

Investors sold the dollar throughout the day, assuming Washington's lukewarm reception of Japan's new 6 trillion yen (\$57 billion) stimulus package meant U.S. officials would resume talking up the yen. Before the plan was announced, the administration had pressured Japan to stimulate its economy to spur demand for American exports.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar started its tumble in Tokyo after Bow Cutter, U.S. deputy presidential assistant for economic policy, expressed doubt about the plan, telling a Japanese newspaper that Japan could do more to reduce the nation's trade surplus. He commented on the plan before his official release.

The dollar fell further in New York after Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said the spending plan was "a good first step" but that Japan needed to do more to stimulate consumer spending.

At the close in London, the dollar tumbled to 104.45 yen from 106.25 yen Wednesday. The yen also devalued the mark, rising to 64.93 yen from Wednesday's 64.62 yen. The U.S. currency ended at 1,600 DM, up from 1,589 on Wednesday.

Euro Disney II Talks Delayed

PARIS — Euro Disney SCA, embroiled in heavy losses, said Thursday that the French authorities had agreed not to resume talks for now on a second phase of the Disney project outside Paris.

That phase calls for construction of movie studios and for a second theme park next to the existing one. A decision on the second phase had been expected this month, but a Euro Disney spokesman said Thursday that "no date can be legitimately put forward" for a resumption of talks. The company may lose as much as 2 billion francs (\$360 million) in the business year ending Sept. 30, according to some financial analysts' projections. (AFP, AFX)

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Table titled 'WORLD STOCK MARKETS' showing stock market performance across various global regions including Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, London, Milan, Paris, Sao Paulo, Singapore, Stockholm, Toronto, Tokyo, Zurich, and others. Includes columns for Index, High, Low, Last, and Change.

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# NASDAQ

Thursday's Prices  
NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list compiled by the NYSE consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

Symbol	High	Low	Open	Close	Change
AA	10.25	10.10	10.15	10.20	+0.05
ABB	10.10	10.00	10.05	10.10	+0.05
ABC	10.00	9.90	9.95	10.00	+0.05
ABD	9.90	9.80	9.85	9.90	+0.05
ABE	9.80	9.70	9.75	9.80	+0.05
ABF	9.70	9.60	9.65	9.70	+0.05
ABG	9.60	9.50	9.55	9.60	+0.05
ABH	9.50	9.40	9.45	9.50	+0.05
ABI	9.40	9.30	9.35	9.40	+0.05
ABJ	9.30	9.20	9.25	9.30	+0.05
ABK	9.20	9.10	9.15	9.20	+0.05
ABL	9.10	9.00	9.05	9.10	+0.05
ABM	9.00	8.90	8.95	9.00	+0.05
ABN	8.90	8.80	8.85	8.90	+0.05
ABO	8.80	8.70	8.75	8.80	+0.05
ABP	8.70	8.60	8.65	8.70	+0.05
ABQ	8.60	8.50	8.55	8.60	+0.05
ABR	8.50	8.40	8.45	8.50	+0.05
ABS	8.40	8.30	8.35	8.40	+0.05
ABT	8.30	8.20	8.25	8.30	+0.05
ABU	8.20	8.10	8.15	8.20	+0.05
ABV	8.10	8.00	8.05	8.10	+0.05
ABW	8.00	7.90	7.95	8.00	+0.05
ABX	7.90	7.80	7.85	7.90	+0.05
ABY	7.80	7.70	7.75	7.80	+0.05
ABZ	7.70	7.60	7.65	7.70	+0.05

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## Danes Cut Rates, Saying Bundesbank No Longer Sets Pace

**Copenhagen** — The Danish central bank cut its marginal, or discount rate, by half a percentage point, to 8.75 percent from 9.25 percent, on Thursday, and the bank's governor, Erik Hoffmeyer, said that Denmark had set itself free of rates set by the Bundesbank.

Mr. Hoffmeyer said that "in matters of interest rates, Denmark has ceased following decisions taken by Germany."

There is no reason "to turn anxiously toward the Bundesbank every 14 days," he said, in what was apparently a reference to the meeting held every two weeks by the central council of the German central bank to decide monetary policy.

Until wide margins of fluctuation of 15 percent above and below the central rates were adopted for most of the currencies in the European Monetary System's grid at the beginning of August, Denmark had followed decisions by the Bundesbank step for step.

Mr. Hoffmeyer himself once said: "Our freedom amounts to waiting five minutes before following changes by the Bundesbank."

But this is no longer the case. "The central bank reduced its rates on certificates of deposit one day before the cut by the Bundesbank last week," he said. "And the central bank reduced its rates on Thursday, one week after Germany."

The Danish central bank also reduced its repurchase rate, to 9.5 percent from 10 percent.

The cuts were part of a process taking Danish interest rates to "normal" levels "because our fundamental economic conditions are better," Mr. Hoffmeyer said.

The Danish krone has risen on the rate cuts, contrary to expectations. The Deutsche mark fell to 4.085 kroner after the rate cuts, from 4.110 earlier in the day.

Economy Minister Marianne Jelved said the National Bank's decision was a step in the right direction. She said the cut in both rates put Denmark on the way to normalizing interest rates. "It is satisfactory that it is going the right way," she said. "Lower interest rates stimulate the economy and with that a fall in unemployment has come nearer."

A director of the National Bank, Kirsten Mordhorst, said the certificate of deposit rate usually follows the repo rate, but she refused to say if it would also do so this time.

(AFX, AFP)

## Sale of Chocolate Business Swells United Biscuits Profit

**LONDON** — United Biscuits PLC said Thursday that its pretax profit in the first part of its financial year had nearly doubled, but that most of the increase resulted from the sale of its Terry's chocolates business.

United Biscuits, based in Edinburgh, said that profit before tax but after one-time gains and charges jumped to £133.5 million (\$207 million) in the 28 weeks ended July 17, from £70 million a year earlier.

But stripping out the £62.7 million gain from the sale of Terry's to Kraft General Foods in April, underlying pretax profit edged up just 1 percent, to £70.8 million.

Revenue climbed 20 percent, to £1.84 billion.

Chairman Robert Clarke said that business would show a satisfactory improvement in profit in the second half and over the full year, despite the very competitive operating environment.

Mr. Clarke said the progress in 1993 would be due to a stronger performance at United Biscuits' U.S. subsidiary, Keebler, which has concentrated on the middle and lower end of its range of cookies.

In addition to Keebler, United Biscuits has three main food units: McVitie's, its European biscuit business; KP Foods Group, its savory snack business in Europe and Asia-Pacific; and Ross Young, the British frozen and chilled food business.

(Bloomberg, AFP)

## British Joblessness On the Rise Again

**LONDON** — British seasonally adjusted unemployment rose by 5,800 in August, to 2.92 million, its second successive monthly rise after falling for the previous five months, the Employment Department said on Thursday.

A small rise of 200 in the jobless total previously reported for July was also revised sharply higher, to 4,300. The percentage of the work force unemployed remained unchanged at 10.4 percent.

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(Bloomberg, AFP)

## BANK: Euroskeptic in Frankfurt

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ity. The key to mastering the cliff successfully, he said, is trusting yourself. In the case of the Bundesbank, success is measured in the strength of the mark, low long-term interest rates and low inflation.

Mr. Schlesinger joined the German central bank in 1992, before it was called the Bundesbank, and has been its president for the last two years.

Despite widespread criticism abroad, the Bundesbank enjoys unmatched esteem within Germany, where its president personifies monetary responsibility. "Equipped with the authority that tradition, public will and mystery over money carry, the president symbolizes a responsibility that is nowhere heavier than in Germany," the conservative *Börsen-Zeitung* once wrote.

One indication of the Bundesbank's public support in the face of painful decisions is the total lack of call to rein in its powers. Such talk is taken for granted in many other countries where the central bank is less independent than the Bundesbank.

Many who grew up in West Germany remember currency reforms that obliterated their personal savings. The Bundesbank is therefore regarded as ordinary savers' last line of defense against governmental irresponsibility.

Mr. Schlesinger, a professor, recently cowrote a book titled "Government Deficits — No End?" whose flavor can be found in the central bank's publications on the subject.

## German Backed by Kohl Criticizes EC Union Plan

**MADRID** — Steffen Heitmann, the dark-horse candidate favored by Chancellor Helmut Kohl for the German presidency, criticized the European Community's Maastricht treaty in an interview published on Thursday.

Mr. Heitmann, in remarks to the Spanish daily newspaper *El Pais*, appeared to line up with Mr. Kohl on most issues, but differed from his mentor on how EC unity should be achieved. He said he was not comfortable with the Treaty on European Union, which Mr. Kohl firmly supports.

"The Maastricht treaty is not the result of a great debate about the unity of Europe, but is an impos-

tion from above," Mr. Heitmann was quoted as saying. "Europe has to grow from below, from its citizens. It cannot be imposed. It is impossible to achieve European unity by showing countries together against their will."

Mr. Heitmann backed off when asked about the consequences of a relaxation in German pro-Europe fervor could have on monetary union and the stability of the European Monetary System.

Mr. Heitmann, 49, who comes from Eastern Germany but who did not collaborate with the pro-unification communist administration there, is a relative unknown compared with other possible candidates for the German presidency.

## Investor's Europe

Country	Change
France	+0.38
Germany	+0.23
Italy	+0.25
Spain	+0.21
UK	+0.56
US	+0.45
Japan	+0.04
Canada	+1.80
Australia	+1.14
South Africa	+0.25
India	+0.25
China	+0.25
South Korea	+0.25
Indonesia	+0.25
Malaysia	+0.25
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## Very briefly:

- Robert Maxwell Holdings Ltd. administrators said they planned to sell their 54.8 percent stake in Mirror Group Newspapers PLC, citing management's success in improving the company's finances.
- The Bank of France's net foreign exchange reserves were a negative 90.34 billion French francs (\$16.2 billion) in the week ended Sept. 9, the French bank Crédit Lyonnais estimated. A week earlier, the figure was a negative 103.75 billion francs.
- VIAG AG said it planned to raise 646 million Deutsche marks (\$402.9 million) through a 1-for-10 offering of shares to current holders and holders of options issued in 1987 to expire in 1997.
- GEC Alsthom will begin talks next week with South Korean officials to nominate a senior Korean partner for construction of a high-speed railway between Seoul and Pusan.
- BASF AG announced a pilot project to recycle plastics, starting in 1994, through a plant in Ludwigshafen with an annual capacity of 15,000 metric tons.
- Daimler-Benz AG has been cleared by the Securities and Exchange Commission to proceed with its stock listing on the New York Stock Exchange, a company spokesman said. The New York listing, the first by a German company, is set for Oct. 5.

## Memo on Turner From EC

**Washington Post Service**

**LONDON** — Commissioner João de Deus Pinheiro of the European Community has taken Britain to task for granting Turner Broadcasting System Inc. permission to beam its TNT & Cartoon Network throughout Europe via satellite.

Mr. Pinheiro's major concern, voiced in a letter to British officials, was that Turner's cartoons would violate an EC directive that at least half the broadcasts on such networks be of European origin. While Turner's plans will not be immediately affected, the letter appeared to be a forerunner of battles to come.

Turner plans to launch the 24-hour network on Friday, making use of its large supply of vintage movies and classic cartoons — with movies on the air all night, cartoons all day.

The problem is that Turner's stash of old Hanna-Barbera cartoons such as "The Flintstones," "The Jetsons" and "Yogi Berra" come from Hollywood, as do its colorized old movies. As such, in the eyes of some, they represent another big advance for American popular culture.

Most vocal on this issue have been French officials, and France has considerable bureaucratic clout at EC headquarters in Brussels.

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much of the gains were registered in the Czech and Slovak republics. Skoda sales in Western Europe were up 10 percent, he said.



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# SPORTS BASKETBALL

## The Biggest of Prospects/Projects Arrives for NBA Debut

By Christine Brennan

WASHINGTON — Gheorghe Muresan, the Washington Bullets' prospect/project/experiment (take your pick), arrived at National Airport and immediately exceeded all expectations by not bumping his head, not even once.

As Muresan lumbered through the terminal, exhausted at the end of a 19-hour journey Wednesday from Bucharest via Vienna and New York, pay-phone conversations came to a halt. Fellow travelers stopped in their tracks. People looked up... and up... and up.

Muresan, who is 7 feet, 7 inches and 315 pounds (231-meters and 142.9 kilograms) hasn't signed a contract and doesn't have a shoe deal, but obviously he already has a huge following.

"Is he the new Buller?" asked a porter, Princess Hamlet, who sneaked in an autograph for her teenage son between baggage runs.

He couldn't be anyone else. Muresan, 22, selected by the Bullets in the second round of the National Basketball Association draft in June, was welcomed to Washington for the first time by the Bullets' general manager, John Nash, who came up to Muresan's his stomach.

Never before has someone so tall been drafted into the NBA.

He was the object of everyone's attention, including that of the U.S. Customs officers at JFK Airport in New York. After being delayed by a day because of visa problems, Muresan encountered a flurry of questions at customs, according to Bill Sweek, his agent and interpreter, but got everything worked out in time to make his connection to National Airport.

"It was a problem we got cleared up with a few phone calls," Sweek said.

Muresan has a one-month visitor's visa, Sweek



A SEA OF DREAMS — Ben Johnson in Bari, Italy, where he said he would like to start a soccer career with an Italian first division club. Soccer officials said it was unlikely that FIFA and the Italian federation would authorize the signing of the banned Canadian sprinter.

said. When and if he gets a job with the Bullets, he will need to get a work visa. His 6-foot-tall girlfriend, Liliana Lazar, easily obtained a six-month visitor's visa, and had no troubles with customs. "I'm here for six months," she said in French through Sweek, "so if the Bullets want me, I could play."

Muresan is expected to soon sign a one-year, non-guaranteed contract with the Bullets for \$150,000, Nash said. "He came knowing that was the full extent of our offer," Nash said. "If he's able to play, obviously a year from now, his value could be significantly higher."

Muresan and Sweek said they turned down two better offers — one from his old team, Panathinaikos, in Greece, the other from a team in Greece, which offered a guaranteed \$500,000 — to try the NBA. "I'm very excited to play against these players," Muresan said, also in French, referring to the stars

of the NBA. "I'm anxious to see how I measure up against them, what I need to do to get better. I wanted the opportunity to play in the NBA in Washington."

His decision was criticized by at least one newspaper in Romania.

"The newspaper said I came to the States for too money," said Muresan, who is from the village of Triteni-De-Ios in Transylvania.

Since the Bullets drafted him, Muresan has undergone surgery on his pituitary gland, which had grown to a point where it was threatening to pinch his optic nerve, Sweek said. The pituitary is located at the base of the brain and secretes hormones vital to growth and maturation. Sweek said the surgery was considered a success, but added that doctors in France and in the United States would have to talk to decide what, if any, further treatment Muresan needs.

Nash, naturally, was concerned, and sized up Muresan in the baggage claim area.

"He looks to be in pretty good shape," he said. "I've been running and working out," Muresan said.

"He's participated in all the practices with his old team in France and Romania," Sweek said. "He has had no ill effects at all. He's 100 percent."

Nonetheless, the Bullets plans to have him visit several doctors in the next few days.

"This is a situation that may need monitoring," Nash said.

That's a hurdle for the future. For now, Muresan's biggest problem was getting into Sweek's car. After joking he might have to go in "horizontally," Muresan folded himself into the passenger seat of the Toyota Corolla, his knees bumping up against the windshield. He smiled, stuck his right arm out the window, and was gone into the night.

## Woosnam Leading in Paris Golf

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

SAINT-NOM-LA-BRETECHE, France — Helped by four birdies on the front nine, Ian Woosnam shot six-under-par 64 Thursday to take a one shot lead after the first round of Lancome Trophy.

One of his teammates on the European squad in next week's Ryder Cup, Mark James, tied for second at 65 with Miguel Angel Jimenez of Spain.

Scotland's Colin Montgomerie, also on the Ryder Cup squad, shot 67 to tie for fifth with Englishmen Howard Clark and Peter Mitchell.

Woosnam had five birdies in all, one bogey and an eagle, on the par-5 16th hole, to lead the invitational 66-man field playing at the 6,177-meter (6,755-yard) Saint-Nom-La-Breteche course outside Paris.

He punched his 4-iron to within 20 feet (6 meters) at the 16th and sank the putt. At the next hole, he grabbed the lead by rolling in a 20-foot putt, this time for birdie.

"I'm putting nicely," said Woosnam, who has had trouble on greens in recent events. "I'm scoring well and feel relaxed. There's no reason to panic when you feel you'll make a few birdies."

Looking ahead to next week's Ryder Cup, Woosnam said his first-round partner here, Cup rookie Peter Baker of England, could well team up with him next week against the United States.

"We know each other very well," Woosnam said. "Peter's got over his learning stretch and has the game to win a major one day."

Baker shot 66 Thursday and was fourth.

Woosnam and Baker have both called on psychologist John Allsopp to help them overcome mental blocks in their game.

World No. 1 Nick Faldo carded 69 to share 13th place, while former Masters champion Fred Couples shot even-par 70 to tie for 20th.

Big-hitting John Daly will join Fred Couples and Payne Stewart, two other winners of major tournaments, on the U.S. team for the Dunhill Cup golf championship at St. Andrews on Oct. 14-17.

The organizers of the championship announced Thursday that Daly, a huge crowd favorite since his triumph in the 1991 U.S. PGA championship, would make his first appearance in the Dunhill Cup.

Couples, the 1992 U.S. Masters champion, and Stewart, winner of the PGA in 1989 and the U.S. Open in 1991, complete a squad that will be favored to give the United States a second triumph in the event.

Couples and Stewart are also on the U.S. team depicting the Ryder Cup against Europe next week at the Belfry.

England, which won the Dunhill Cup last year without Faldo, will have him back to join James and Baker.

Australia, which won the first two Dunhill Cups, in 1985 and 1986, will be playing without British Open champion Greg Norman and will field Rodger Davis, Craig Parry and Peter Senior.

Another strong entry will come from Zimbabwe, with the current U.S. PGA tour leader Nick Price, Tony Johnstone and Mark McNulty. (AP, Reuters)

## SIDELINES

### Chinese Begin March on Monte Carlo

BEIJING (Reuters) — China's 200-strong official delegation, which will attempt to drum up support in advance of next week's vote on the 2000 Olympics, left Thursday for Monte Carlo, shortly after British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said Beijing did not deserve the Games. The IOC will decide next Thursday on which city will host 2000 Olympic Games. Sydney, Manchester, Berlin and Istanbul are also vying for the IOC's vote.

"I think there are very strong reasons against" Beijing being selected, Hurd said in a television interview in Australia. "You only have to look at the newspapers every day to see what they are. I do not think that is a good idea."

### Andreotti Ends His Grand Prix Season

LONDON (AP) — Michael Andreotti confirmed Thursday that his rookie season in Formula One has ended, with three races yet to go, and that he plans to return to the Indy car circuit in 1994.

McLaren's managing director, Ron Dennis, Mika Hakkinen of Finland, the team's test driver, will replace Andreotti in the three remaining Grand Prix, in Portugal, Japan and Australia, but said that "provided there are no conflicts with Michael's Indy commitments, Michael will drive for us in some Grand Prix in 1994 or 1995."

Qatar has submitted a \$40 million proposal to FISA to become the first Middle East country to stage a Formula One race and hopes to get a Grand Prix by late 1995 or 1996, officials in Doha said Thursday.

### For the Record

Richard Dumas, the Phoenix Suns' forward who was seen earlier this week as the key to a trade for Detroit's Dennis Rodman, was suspended indefinitely by the NBA for failing to cooperate in substance-abuse rehabilitation, and the Suns' president, Jerry Colangelo, said "he is not in our plans."

Bobby Hurley, the Duke point guard taken seventh in the NBA draft, signed a \$16.5 million, six-year contract that made him the Sacramento Kings' second-highest paid player behind guard Mitch Richmond's \$3 million a year.

Pierre Turgeon, the 24-year-old center who keyed the New York Islanders' run to the Stanley Cup semifinals last season, signed a four-year, \$11 million contract to become the highest-paid player in team history.

### Quotable

"I am Woodruff, a London Daily Mail columnist, on the National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadow, New York: "There may be more horrific venues to stage Open tennis championships, but outside the Ryder Pass and Death Valley, California, they do not readily come to mind."

## SCOREBOARD

### BASEBALL

#### Major League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
East Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Toronto	63	62	.505
New York	61	64	.487
Baltimore	60	64	.484
Boston	57	70	.447
Detroit	57	71	.446
Cleveland	47	79	.373
Milwaukee	42	85	.329
West Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Chicago	52	64	.446
Seattle	47	69	.405
Kansas City	45	71	.389
Seattle	44	72	.380
California	43	73	.370
Minnesota	41	75	.352
Philadelphia	39	77	.336
Oakland	38	78	.329

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
East Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia	67	57	.540
Atlanta	65	59	.523
St. Louis	63	55	.532
Chicago	62	56	.521
Pittsburgh	57	62	.479
Florida	49	70	.412
New York	47	72	.395
West Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Atlanta	52	63	.450
San Francisco	50	65	.435
Houston	48	67	.415
Los Angeles	47	68	.408
Cincinnati	47	68	.408
Colorado	46	69	.399
San Diego	45	70	.391

#### Wednesday's Line Scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
New York	9	0	0
Baltimore	1	0	0
Philadelphia	2	0	0
Houston	1	0	0
St. Louis	1	0	0
Chicago	1	0	0
Pittsburgh	1	0	0
Atlanta	1	0	0
San Francisco	1	0	0
Houston	1	0	0
Los Angeles	1	0	0
Cincinnati	1	0	0
Colorado	1	0	0
San Diego	1	0	0

### Japanese Leagues

Central League			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Yokohama	44	2	.955
Chunichi	39	7	.848
Hiroshima	35	11	.761
Hiroshima	34	12	.739
Yokohama	46	0	.100

Pacific League			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Saitama	45	1	.979
Niigata	40	6	.870
Osaka	37	9	.804
Osaka	35	11	.761
Osaka	31	15	.674
Daiichi	29	17	.628

### TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL	
DETROIT	Recalled Dave Johnson, pitcher, from Toledo, Ill.
CINCINNATI	Moved Ron Center out of minor league. Left sportswriter. Transferred Bobby Kelly, outfielder, from 15 to 46.
MINNESOTA	Recalled Willie Kamminger, infielder, from Indianapolis, Ind.
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BOSTON	Signed Curtis Carrion, pitcher, to minor league contract.
LEVELAND	Signed Leonard (Tuck) Robinson, pitcher, to minor league contract.
SACRAMENTO	Signed Bobby Hurley, pitcher, to minor league contract.
ANN ARBOR	Signed Anthony Bonner, Red Hight and Kurt Rambo, forwards.
KANSAS CITY	Signed Sammy Walker, cornerback. Re-signed Erick Anderson, cornerback.

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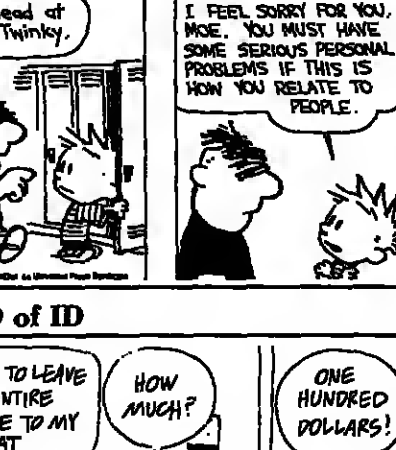
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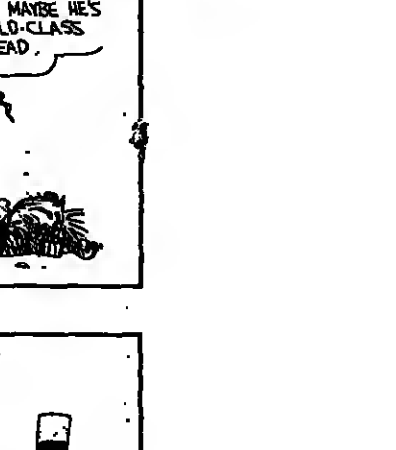
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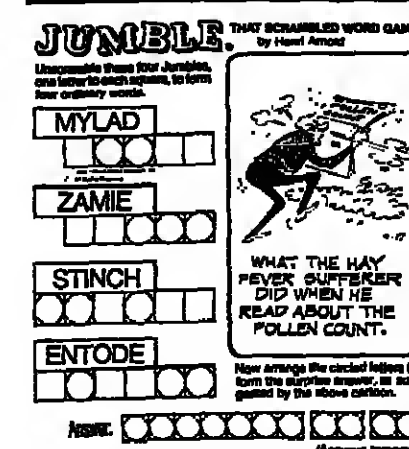
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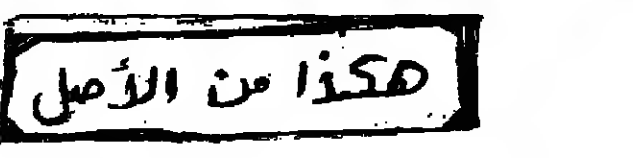


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# SPORTS BASEBALL

## Jays Increase AL East Lead

**The Associated Press**  
It was a long night in the American League.  
Every game but one lasted at least three hours, and the Toronto Detroit game went 4 hours, 12 minutes, making it the longest nine-inning night game in major league history.

### AL ROUNDUP

Blame the pennant race; blame the late-season malaise. Whatever the case, no explanation can fully account for games lasting 4:12, 4:05, 3:43, 3:14, 3:13 and 3:00.  
"This was a game where you sit and look at one another in the dugout and say, 'What the heck's happening?'" Paul Molitor said after the Blue Jays beat the Tigers, 14-8, in Detroit.  
The Jays increased their lead in the AL East to 2½ games over New York and 3 over Baltimore as the Yankees were routed in Milwaukee and the Orioles were edged in Boston.  
In the West, Chicago beat Kansas City in 11 innings to maintain its 3½ game lead over the Texas Rangers, who beat Cleveland.  
Toronto's victory was its fifth straight, which matched its longest winning streak since the All-Star break. The game was one minute longer than the previous longest nine-inning night game. Boston's 6-4 victory over Chicago on May 15, 1991.  
"A lot of ugly things happened out there," Molitor said. "But we won it, and that's all we care about."  
There were 32 hits, 19 by the Blue Jays. They also benefited from nine walks by eight Detroit pitchers. There were five wild pitches, three by Detroit. Each team made two errors. Thirteen pitchers, eight in Detroit uniforms, paraded to the mound. The record for one team in a nine-inning game is nine by the St. Louis Browns in 1949. Molitor hit an RBI double and a

two-run homer, his 21st, and Tony Fernandez went 4-for-4 for the Blue Jays. It was his first four-hit game of the season, his ninth for Toronto.  
Brewers 15, Yankees 5: Five New York pitchers gave up 16 hits and 15 walks as the Yankees finished a road trip 3-6.  
Milwaukee chased Jim Abbott with a four-run second inning, three coming on Robin Yount's bases-loaded double.  
Red Sox 6, Orioles 5: Baltimore's Mike Mussina was pounded for six runs and nine hits in 3½ innings. He complained of soreness in his back and shoulder after the game.  
Tim Lincecum drove in three runs with two doubles for Boston.  
White Sox 10, Royals 6: Lance Johnson hit a two-run single with the bases loaded in the 11th in Kansas City, and Chicago then added two more runs against Mark Gubicza.  
Rangers 7, Indians 4: Julio Franco, batting cleanup with Juan Gonzalez sitting out the game with a bad back, drove in three runs for host Texas.  
Third baseman Jim Thome's error on a sacrifice bunt opened the door for four unearned runs in the seventh as the Rangers rallied for their ninth victory in 12 games.  
Angels 15, Mariners 1: Rookie Tim Lincecum broke his left ring finger — he will miss the rest of the season — after hitting a grand slam as California beat visiting Seattle.  
Chili Davis hit two three-run homers, one batting right-handed, one hitting lefty.  
Salmon, a strong contender for rookie-of-the-year honors, has 31 homers, 95 RBIs, a .283 average and 93 runs.  
Athletics 15, Twins 2: Scott Brosius and Ruben Sierra each drove in five runs for visiting Oakland, while Dave Winfield of Minnesota singled for his 2,998th major league hit.



Manager Dusty Baker during the Giants' eighth loss in nine games: "We're just going bad."

## Braves Win on 5-Run 9th As Giants Lose Yet Again

**The Associated Press**  
The Atlanta Braves staged one of the year's best comebacks for the kind of victory that usually makes for championship seasons. The San Francisco Giants fell once again in a swoon that usually becomes part of a losing legacy.  
The National League West appeared to be on the verge of becoming the division without a pennant race as the Braves scored five runs in the ninth Wednesday night for a 7-6 victory over visiting Cincinnati after the Giants lost their eighth straight, 3-1, at home to Chicago. Atlanta has a 3½-game lead over San Francisco and the teams don't play again this season.  
At least the NL East has a chance for some head-to-head drama as the Philadelphia Phillies, who lead by 5½ games, venture to Montreal this weekend for a three-game series with the second-place Expos.  
The Braves are looking as if they will pull away in the race, especially after a comeback in which they erased a 6-2 deficit entering the bottom of the ninth.  
"It was just a big win for us, coming back in which they were four runs," outfielder David Justice said. "This team never gives up and we showed it tonight."  
The Reds' four-run lead was cut in half on Ryan Klesko's two-run homer off Johnny Ruffin. Jeff Reardon relieved, but gave up a double to Otis Nixon and a single to Jeff Blaser.  
That brought on Rob Dibble, who threw one pitch.  
It became Ron Gant's 35th home run, a three-run shot that capped a comeback that had the crowd at Fulton County Stadium screaming, chanting and chopping.  
"I'm happy to see Ron hitting the way he is," Justice said. "Maybe we can jump on his shoulders the last two weeks and be in take us to the National League pennant."  
Gant took over the NL lead with 107 RBIs, and in his last four

games he has three homers and 15 runs batted in.  
"It seems like every year we just keep getting better," Gant said of the two-time division champions who lost the 1991 World Series to Minnesota and last year's World Series to Toronto. "We're hitting the ball better and we've got better pitching this year. It's a club that won't give up and we feel we can win the World Series this year."  
**NL ROUNDUP**  
There was a lot of pressure on us the first two years because we were a young ball club, but I feel it's time to win this thing."  
What can the Giants be thinking?  
"I know the Giants had to be watching and to see us snatch this win puts a lot of pressure on them," Gant said.  
He has eight homers and 16 RBIs in 12 games against the Reds.  
Cubs 3, Giants 1: San Francisco finished its home stand 1-8 and has lost 15 of 21. Rick Wilkins hit his 28th homer, Dwight Smith singled in another and Chicago's third scored on a squeeze bunt by Eric Yelding.  
The Giants scored in the ninth on a double by Steve Hasey, but Randy Myers struck out pinch-hitter Barry Bonds to end the game.  
"I've never been on a team, a good team, that has as many problems," said the Giants' manager, Dusty Baker. "Everything we try, it seems like it doesn't work. We're just going bad."  
Mike Morgan allowed three hits in second inning as he ended a streak in which he won just one of his last 10 starts. The Cubs have won 11 of 13 and finished their road trip 8-2.

Phillies 6, Mets 3: Ricky Jordan's bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the eighth broke a 3-3 tie, then Lenny Dykstra singled in two runs in New York as Philadelphia won the fourth of its last 10 games.  
Curt Schilling won his sixth straight decision and remained unbeaten in 12 starts. He struck out nine and walked none, then left after a 35-minute rain delay in the top of the eighth.  
Cardinals 5, Expos 4: Bernard Gilkey's two-out single in the bottom of the ninth in St. Louis ended Montreal's eight-game winning streak.  
Giles hit a 3-0 pitch from Jeff Shaw to score Greg Jeffries, who walked on four pitches with one out. The Expos, who had won 16 of 17, led by 4-1 when starter Ken Hill allowed three runs in the sixth, two on a single by Jeffries, who has six hits in his last two games.  
Sean Berry singled, doubled and tripled and drove in a run for Montreal.  
Pirates 8, Marlins 1: Al Martin hit a three-run homer in the sixth for visiting Pittsburgh and Jay Bell added a solo shot in the seventh. Florida's Marlins' eighth-inning run ended a scoreless streak that had reached 27½ innings.  
Rockies 6, Astros 4: Charlie Hayes hit a club-record three doubles and Andres Galarraga drove in three runs as Colorado beat Houston a third straight time and won its sixth straight at home. Luis Gonzalez went 4-for-4 and had two RBIs for Houston.  
Dodgers 5, Padres 4: Kevin Gross won in San Diego for the first time since 1985 despite allowing 11 hits in six-plus innings, but also contributed a two-run single for Los Angeles.

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## Jays Stay Cool, and Stay in First Place

**By William Gildea**  
*Washington Post Service*  
DETROIT — "For all our problems — middle relief is the biggest problem — we're still in first place," said the Toronto Blue Jays' Cito Gaston, eating a pregame cup of tuna fish in the closet-sized visiting manager's office in ancient Tiger Stadium. "We've managed to hold on to first place come hell or high water."  
Gaston might well have said, "Stick around, we'll show you how we've done it" because Tuesday night's game in the venerable white-painted cube in downtown Detroit demonstrated perfectly how the Blue Jays have managed to hang on ever so perilously.  
They used 10 pitchers to win last October's World Series. But taking advantage of free agency, 3 of the 10 took flight to other teams: Jimmy Key, David Cone and Tom Henke. A fourth, David Wells, was released in spring training and signed by the Tigers.  
Key has won 17 games for the New York Yankees, and had to work them for Toronto, there wouldn't be a race. Henke has saved 36 games for Texas.  
The Blue Jays moved Duane Ward to Henke's spot as closer. But now there's no Ward in middle relief, or anyone of his caliber.  
So, with the Jays leading by 6½ in the bottom of the eighth, the Tigers were threatening with two on and two out. Gaston had no

choice but to call to the bullpen and put the precarious lead in the hands of Mark (Huck) Flerher. Who's Huck Flerher? And why did he call the back of his uniform say "Green"?  
A left-hander, Flerher had never pitched in the major leagues. He's up from Knoxville in the Class AA Southern League. He left in a hurry, too, forgetting his glove and spikes. So he had to wear Al Leiter's glove and Pat Hentgen's shoes. Flerher, whose uniform No. 32 wasn't ready, had on No. 56, which had been waiting for another farmhand, Shawn Green.  
Then Flerher lunged a slider to Chad Kreuter, who could have struck a blow not only for the Tigers but also for the Yankees and the Baltimore Orioles. But Kreuter popped harmlessly to center field to end the inning. Tony Fernandez then hit a three-run homer in the top of the ninth to clinch the Jays' 9-5 victory. So it goes — The Blue Jays survive, but it's a struggle.  
"This club hasn't played as well as I think it can," said Paul Molitor, who was hitting .339 after Wednesday's victory and could finish second in the league batting race to teammate John Olerud, who was at .372. "But we've got experience on the field and commitment from the organization. I like the way things are shaping up."  
Yet Jack Morris was revealing another problem just a few feet from Molitor in the clubhouse. The veteran starter, who has a tender arm, would miss his turn Wednesday.

Already this season, three starters for the Jays have been on the disabled list: Morris, Dave Stewart and Todd Stottlemyre. Reliever Mike Timlin had to spend time at Duncedin in the Class A, Florida State League. Ward has blown six save opportunities.  
"No one," said the Tigers' manager, Sparky Anderson, "has a good pitching staff in the East." That, he coaches, is why there's a race.  
The Orioles have the best staff of the three contenders, but even they have a major problem, an injured closer, Greg Olson.  
"Staying healthy, that's the key," said Gaston. "That's about all you can hope for."  
There's one other factor, one the Blue Jays believe in strongly. They're the most experienced club in the AL East.  
"We might have a little edge in experience," said a coach, Gene Tenace, who played in four World Series in the '70s and '80s. "We're the world champions, and most of the guys here have been on a winning club. There's no substitute for experience."  
"Our chances are very good to at least win the division championship," said the soft-spoken Molitor. "We've had some pick-up-up performances from various people. It's just that the expectation level in Toronto is so high, there's a tendency to talk about what's wrong. But if we're still in first place, how bad can things be?"  
Another sweet swinger, down the

## Small-Market Teams Threaten TV Blackouts

**The Associated Press**  
NEW YORK — More than a dozen of baseball's smaller-market teams are threatening to black out all non-network games next season as a way to force a revenue-sharing agreement.  
Five sources connected to baseball, including owners, officials and lawyers, said that without revenue sharing, at least 15 clubs will scrap decades-old agreements that permit teams to televise games in their local markets.  
The sources spoke on the condition that they not be identified.  
If the teams carry through with their threat, the only games guaranteed to be on television would be the 12 national network broadcasts on ABC and NBC, and broadcasts on ESPN, which will televise approximately 75 games to each market next season. In addition, teams would be able to cut separate deals with opponents for each individual game.

Without the agreements, which can be terminated when five teams in a league give notice, superstitions such as WGN, WTBS, WPIX and WWOR would lose much of their most attractive programming.  
Large- and small-market teams are battling over the amount of revenue they split, with several small-market teams saying they need a larger piece of the pie in order to survive. Ten large-market clubs broke away and formed their own caucus at a major league meeting last month, forcing extended negotiations on a revenue-sharing deal. Talks are ongoing, and 21 votes are needed to pass any proposal.  
Sources said the Padres, Astros, Marlins, Pirates and Expos were the five teams that instigated the move in the NL, and they later were joined by the Reds, Cardinals and Giants. At least seven clubs in the AL have given notice to terminate their agreement, including the Brewers and Twins.

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OBSERVER

Unhealthy Fine Print

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Here's a country with 90 million grown-ups who can't write a coherent letter or do simple arithmetic. It's a country where "Everything I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" inevitably becomes a huge best-seller. It's a country where 40 million people actually learn everything they know not in kindergarten but from television. Television! At best, on PBS, that means they are under the delusion that bugs mate to the strains of Mozart. At worst...

Well, never mind worst, we are here to talk about Bill Clinton's health-care program. The president's people last week started sneering about what kind of program they would like to install. The immediate impulse is to smile the forehead with flat of hand and cry, "What country do these dreamers think they live in?" It is obvious the planners haven't heard of the 90 million people who are helpless when confronted with the simplest intellectual demands, since coping with the health-care program they have in mind would test the ingenuity of corporate lawyers, tax accountants and Las Vegas bookmakers.

First of all, everything seems to be about insurance. Insurance means "fine print" which you didn't read, did you, dummy? It means a demoted profession of numbers, of legal terms composed to make oonlayers feel humiliated, of preposterous mathematical gables about actuarial tables and estate law. It means morbid evenings of listening to people wise about post-funeral finance debate about which of the union's 50 states is the best to die in.

It also means all those insurance companies that quit paying Aunt Zelf's hospital bills after her first three-day illness and refused to cover Cousin Sam at all because their inspectors said he had the quinsy and croup too often and might come down with something even costlier in a year or two. The Clinton planners say they won't let insurance companies do that anymore, yet why, when hearing promises like that, do we persist in remembering about the fine print?

The 37 million now without health insurance obviously include a good percentage of the 90 million who can't read much or figure shrewdly, and some of whom can't read or figure at all.

Such are inevitably the people at the bottom end of the health scale, the people whose ailments go untreated until they are out of control and extremely expensive to treat, hence the people whom any sensible health-care program should be designed to accommodate.

Such people are the ones most likely to be repelled by elaborate schemes devised by governments to accommodate the private insurance industry. John Gielgud, playing the butler to a rich idiot in the movie "Arthur," makes the trenchant observation that being poor in today's culture requires such immense experience that people unpracticed in the arts of dealing with the social-welfare bureaucracy cannot survive.

It took generations for today's poor to accumulate the necessary skills. Can we expect them to master the arcane tricks of a new insurance-oriented health-care system in less than a generation or two?

Even for the uppor, which is to say people who can afford a mortgage, the Clinton plan is packed with promise of bureaucratic frustration. Does everybody here really know what is implied by the initials HMO? And what about those going to dicker with insurance companies to hold down prices?

Suppose you are self-employed: a carpenter or plumber or painter, say. You go to the regional health alliance to get your coverage, then you pay the full cost of the basic premium, but never fear because you can deduct the cost of the standard package from your taxes.

Mercy on all! They are designing another nightmare as complicated as the tax law, with the same kind of opportunities for finagling and corruption.

Bill Hillary: Why not just have everybody send his medical bill to Uncle Sam and let Uncle, who understands these things better than we do, negotiate a fair price with the creditors? New York Times Service

Stan Getz Drama: Beauty and the Beast

By Mike Zwerin

PARIS — When Jean-Pierre Larcher met Stan Getz in the seaside villa in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat Getz had rented, to shoot his portrait for a record cover, he had no idea he would be entering a Shakespearean drama. Getz was already playing his life like a fictional hero on the French Riviera. Larcher could see that right away. He could also see he was dying (he had liver cancer). Later he would see that Getz was writing the novel as well as playing its hero, and orchestrating the soundtrack to a movie about his own death at the same time.

There was a woman with Getz. Larcher prefers not to mention her name. Getz changed women every time he changed musical styles. "He was a charmer through his horn," says Johnny Mandel, "and I guess when he wanted to do it, verbally too." Getz took a liking to Larcher because there were no show-biz to bebop pleasures imposed between them. No jazz fan, Larcher intuitively understood things others missed. Getz told him about his love for the woman who was with him, and her love for him. He played his horn to her, and when she was out there he played to an empty chair. "It was like he finally found The Girl From Ipanema. In some strange way she was a siren. Somehow she had become the symbol of his death. The last few years of Getz's life were filled with symbolism he had constructed around this woman and his death."

Musicians told Larcher about "Getz The Monster." He had been legendary bad news, often a vicious monster. Larcher concluded that he was a "legitimate monster, he had a very dark sense of humor." Most of those who complained about it had failed some sort of Getz: was always laying on people by raising the emotional stakes. He had no patience for those who could or would not act-up.

In part it had been frustration, not finding enough beauty in life. You over knew where the role stopped and reality began. He liked to play the evil one, Iago. He could recite entire passages from Othello and Macbeth. It amused him. It was like... You say I'm a monster. If you can't see any deeper than that, that's your problem. Go read Shakespeare.

Then it was no longer game time, this was sudden death. "At more or less the same time he met the woman, discovered he had cancer, finally kicked heroin and, after a decade of relative artistic mediocrity, his playing grew more muscular, direct, deeper and less sentimental." He had never played better. In 1987, he was ready to record an album called "Serenity."

Getz went to great lengths to create his own legend. Larcher wanted to define its boundaries. They collaborated on a project for a fiction film based on Getz's life. It was important for both of them but then Getz died and after that Larcher made what he describes as a "classic documentary" called "People Time," which will be aired on the French/German television channel Arte in November.

Consider this the movie about making the movie. What fascinated Larcher was the angelic side of the monster. It was impossible to make such tender and sensual music and be only a monster. Did Getz consider his own life less important than what his imagination could make of it? What his music could make of it? So much of the plot seemed based on destiny. Recording a song called "Her" on Eddie Sauter's "Focus," in the middle of a take, Getz received a phone call and learned about the death of his mother. He came back,



Since he knew he was dying, the last years of Getz's life were filled with symbolism he had constructed.

picked up the earphones and immediately continued the same piece, but with an entirely new feeling. When Sauter wrote the music for Arthur Penn's film "Mickey One," Penn asked for Getz as a soloist, knowing nothing about his personal life. However he soon saw that Warren Beatty's lead role had certain parallels to Getz. He was taking drugs, burning himself out with women, he was a nightclub comedian still searching for beauty. Penn wanted the music to tell us the history of this man. The music was to bridge the gap between his happy past and his frightened present. The music was very important for Penn: "And Stan got it right away. That was very clear. He would get an impulse and it would be wonderful."

Getz could become physically ill confronted with poverty and misery. It was not a bluff. Larcher had seen him vomit in such environments. He was genuinely horrified by human misery — the homeless, the ghetto. It was physical, not intellectual. "Music was the only way he had to fight that suffering," Larcher says. "To find a kind of fugitive peace through the creation of beauty. He was very conscious when he succeeded or not. When he felt he had played the right phrase with the most beautiful notes possible, he was reassured in the face of his death." Getz's music could be sickly sentimental. It was his biggest flaw and he knew it. He wanted people to cry when he played a ballad. It's difficult to show so much emotion without flirting with mawkishness. Everybody wants to play beautifully. Getz wanted to be profound at the same time. "Beauty is subversive," Antonio Carlos Jobim says in the film. "The Girl From Ipanema is a symbol of love,

business, it's like a dream. We think that we are going to get there. Paradise, the island, the beach, the coast. But then we die. Getz had a soul, *une âme*. Great soul... Getz. And then we die."

During the presidential primaries, when Rolling Stone magazine asked Bill Clinton who he would like to have play his inaugural ball, he replied: "It's too bad Stan Getz is dead." For Jobim, the best way to start a revolution was with beauty. Getz agreed, beauty was more subversive than political revolt. In this sense, his monstrous side may have been a sort of cover. "I want to create a human presence," he said. "Life without loathing, without despair, without cynicism; a happy vision despite it all." Larcher watched him transform the people who were around him toward the end — his family, several women, musicians, his manager — by his combination of beauty and violence, by this fire he had. These people became involved with the violence with which he produced beauty. They were attracted to him, and at the same time horrified by the extremes of tenderness and tyranny he was capable of. Getz's biographer, Alain Terenzi, who worked on the film, was literally afraid of him, according to Larcher.

Getz orchestrates his own funeral, spells it out in detail on paper while sitting looking at the sea from his home in Malibu, California. Shorty Rogers, who left the Bronx for L.A. with Stan and made his own fortune there, has a boat. The Jolly Roger, which takes his ashes out to sea. Getz specifies who will be on the boat. He asks Herb Alpert to put together a tape of his numbers, the passengers choose what to listen to. Then the Jolly Roger drops anchor and his grandson Christopher empties Stan Getz's ashes from a saxophone case into the Pacific Ocean.

PEOPLE

Not Many Muscovites Turn Out for Jackson

A freezing drizzle and a fuzzy sound system put a damper on Michael Jackson's concert in Moscow, Wednesday night, and his cries of "I love you!" echoed hollowly in the Luzhniki open-air stadium. Despite claims by his promoters that all but a few thousand of the 75,000 tickets had been sold, the stadium was more than half-empty. "When I think how I paid \$150 for this!" lamented one new-generation entrepreneur, wrapped in an expensive leather jacket, cashmere scarf and baseball cap.

Loretta Young, 80, has tied the knot a third time, marrying costume designer Jean Louis, 85, in Beverly Hills.

Roseanne Arnold isn't finished talking about herself in print. Her second book, "My Lives," is due out in February, according to the Ballantine Publishing Group, which announced that the book would focus "unflinchingly" on Arnold's personal life and on the Hollywood system. Arnold's first book, "Roseanne: My Life as a Woman," came out five years ago. And she isn't even 40 yet.

Spray-painted racial epithets couldn't keep James Brown away. The soul singer showed up for the dedication of the James Brown Soul Center of the Universe Bridge in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Brown said the slurs that work crews couldn't quite obliterate didn't bother him: "I hope they use the writing to teach the kids how to spell."

Desperately seeking star: Pappazis set off on a frenetic hunt for Madonna on Thursday after it was reported that she had arrived incognito in Tahiti. A member of an Air France flight crew said the singer boarded the plane alone and without being recognized in Los Angeles. It was believed that she had gone to a private villa and was planning a holiday on the secluded island of Bora Bora.

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WEATHER

Forecast for Saturday through Monday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

Table with weather forecasts for Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, Middle East, Latin America, and Oceania. Columns include location, today's high/low, and tomorrow's high/low.



North America: Much of the western and central United States will have seasonable weather this weekend. A storm from the Atlantic Ocean will spread rain and rain into the Midwest and Great Plains Monday, Paris and London will have dry and milder weather over the coming weekend.

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CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a 'New York Times' logo and a 'Solution to Puzzle of Sept. 16'.

AT&T Access Numbers section listing international calling rates for various countries like ANDORRA, ARMENIA, AUSTRIA, etc.

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